

VOL. 10, NO. 44

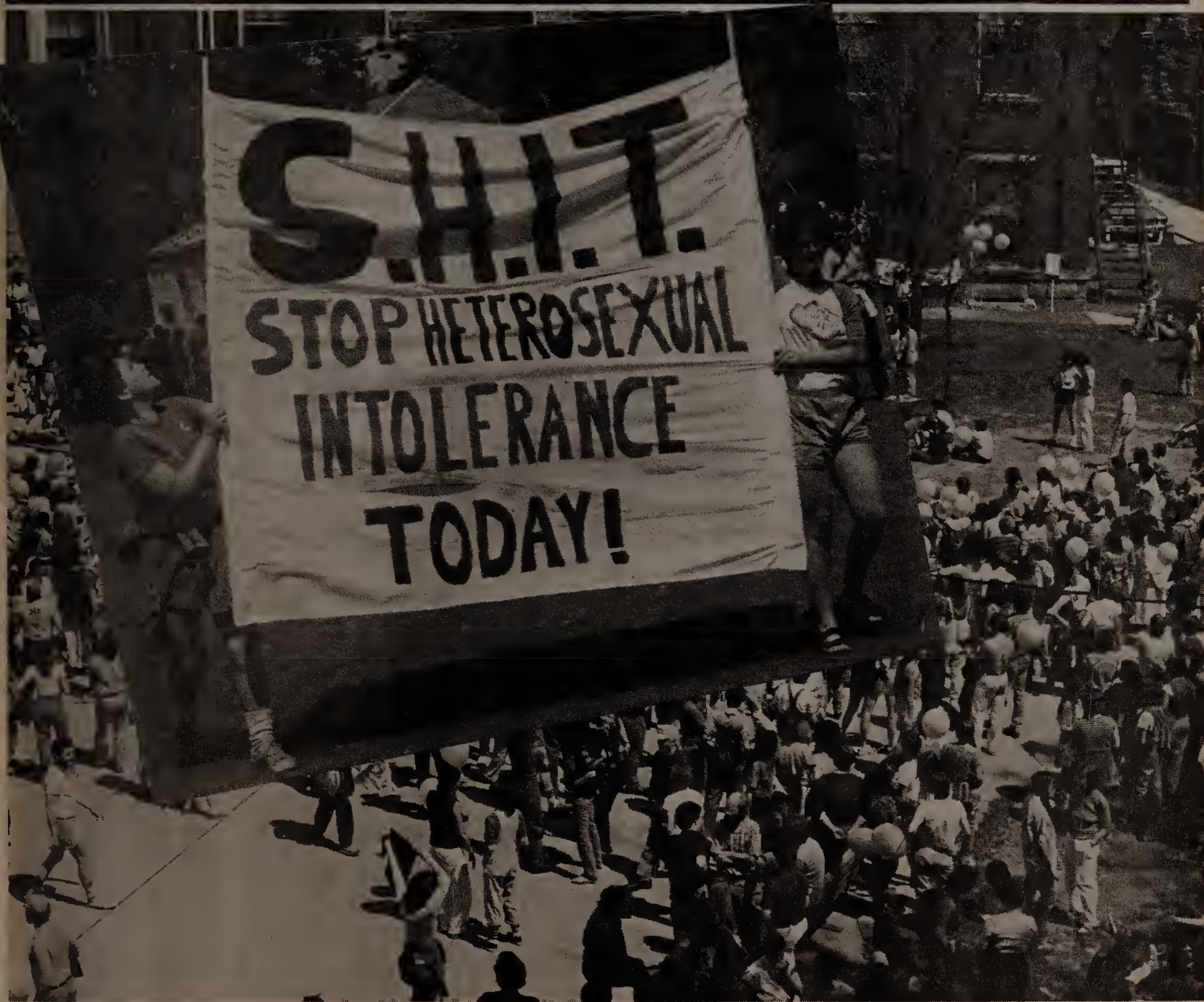
May 29, 1983

60¢

Gay Community News

THE WEEKLY FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MALES

BIPAD: 65498



Peaceful Pride in Northampton

Peace and Pride Mark Northampton March
Benefits Approved for AIDS Patients
Texans Regroup for Sodomy Law Fight
'No Privacy Right' To Bar Adultery Charges
Kalamazoo Clash Fizzles in Preacher's Absence

GayCommunityNews

Vol. 10, No. 44

(617) 426-4469

©GCN, 1983

May 29, 1983

Peace and Pride Mark Northampton March



Two thousand lesbians, gay men and their supporters marched through downtown Northampton...

By Larry Goldsmith

NORTHAMPTON, MA — Nearly 2000 lesbians, gay men and their supporters marched through the streets of this western Massachusetts town on May 14 as townspeople, police and anti-gay demonstrators looked on. The march, which came in the wake of a campaign of anti-lesbian harassment and death threats begun last December (see *GCN*, Vol. 10, Nos. 29 & 36), ended with a

peaceful rally in Pulaski Park.

Northampton police, who maintained a heavy but distanced presence throughout the day, reported no arrests.

The marchers, along with several dozen trained "peacekeepers," gathered at the Bridge Street School before noon, carrying placards and banners. As the hour struck, a police escort accompanied the chanting marchers

along a circuitous route through the center of town, ending in the park.

Only an occasional heckler taunted the demonstrators throughout most of the march; many along the route honked horns or cheered to express support and spectators often seemed surprised at seeing such a large procession in the town of 30,000.

As the marchers came within sight of the park, however, a group of a dozen Christian fundamentalists as well as several apparently unaffiliated homophobes lay in waiting with verbal condemnation, religious tracts and threats.

"Stamp out AIDS — Go Straight" read one sign, a new addition to the repertoire this year. Also represented were the familiar "Homosexuality is unnatural and perverse!!", "Jesus loves the sinner but hates the sin" and various references to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

GCN approached a woman carrying a sign reading "Support N.O.A.H. National Organization Against Homosexuality" to ask what she thought of the recent homophobic harassment of lesbians in Northampton.

"Their parade harasses me," said the woman, who introduced herself as Elizabeth Crawford of nearby Hadley. "Their phone calls at five in the morning harass me, but I don't call the police," Crawford complained.

GCN asked Crawford what sort of phone calls she received from homosexuals.

"They don't talk, they just sort of heavy breathe," she replied.

If they didn't talk, how did she know it was homosexuals and not

"I think you lesbians are scum," an anonymous caller stated on Birdfish's answering machine. "You're the sickest things on earth. You're the most disgusting things that have ever come to Northampton. We will never accept homosexuality or lesbianism in our town anymore [sic]."

Later that evening, a man called and threatened to break into Birdfish's apartment.

The calls to Birdfish and other lesbians continued and on January 29 a group calling itself SHUN (Stop Homosexual Unity Now) left a note under the door of Womanfyre Books pledging to "route out and expel this extremist homosexual germ by peaceful or violent means [sic]."

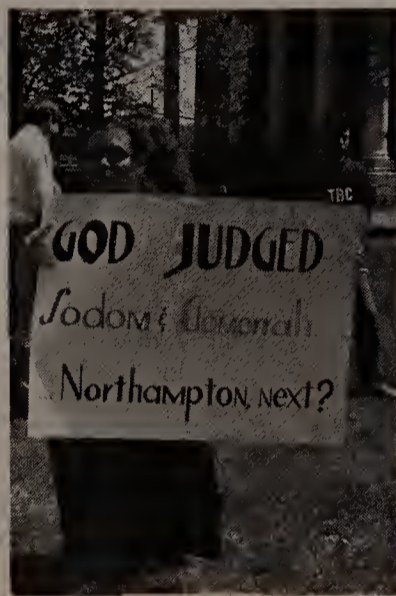
Last fall, two area lesbians were raped and a third was severely beaten in incidents which some women feel may be related to the threats from SHUN.

On February 8, a group of lesbians met with Northampton Mayor David Musante, Hampshire County District Attorney Michael Ryan and two local police detectives to discuss the harassment. As a result of that meeting, a task force including the officials and a panel of four lesbians and two gay men met twice to evaluate the investigation by Northampton detectives. After the second meeting, however, Mayor Musante withdrew himself and the police department from the task force, saying he was satisfied with the investigation. Musante refused a request for his endorsement of the May 14 march, although he did issue a public statement condemning the harassment.

Northampton police have made no arrests in connection with the threats.

Speaking at the rally, archivist Birdfish described the collections in

Continued on page 3



Larry Goldsmith

...while a dozen counter-demonstrators prophesied doom.

the same who telephoned death threats to Northampton lesbians?

"It has happened just since the publicity," Crawford explained. "A few people have called to talk in, what shall we say, an exaggerated effeminate manner."

"I have never in my life held a sign before," Crawford added. "I'm not a radical."

Last December, Bet Birdfish, archivist of Northampton's New Alexandria Lesbian Library, received the first of a series of harassing telephone calls.

SSI Benefits Approved For AIDS Patients

By Peg Byron

NEW YORK — A change in Social Security policy acknowledging AIDS as a disabling disease in adults may result in benefits for hundreds of AIDS patients. A telex of "emergency instructions" adding AIDS to the list of adult diseases was sent to every Social Security office in the country on April 26 from headquarters in Baltimore, effecting the change immediately.

Gay men are about 75 percent of nearly 1400 AIDS patients and the disease is usually fatal.

The policy change followed months of efforts by gay activists, several politicians and Social Security officials.

Social Security officials have no explanation for the delay in acting on the AIDS problem. Deputy Director for the Office of Disability Programs Jean Hinckley told *GCN*, "We were pretty responsive. We started work in February. I can't explain [the delay] to you."

The most common criticism of the instructions is the narrow definition of what constitutes AIDS. Social Security is using the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) definition which requires the presence of Kaposi's Sarcoma or a major opportunistic infection such as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). Doctors working with local AIDS organizations say the disease has other forms, which are also disabling and should be included in the definition. A problem for all concerned is that to date, no test for AIDS exists.

Social Security administers two disability programs — one which is scaled to need and one to the amount paid in to the system by the individual — and a person may qualify for one or both. Field representative Arthur Feldman said benefits can range between approximately \$100 to \$700 per month and may include Medicaid

insurance coverage. Applications take up to six months or more to process, but in an unusual move, the new instructions provide for payments retroactive to the onset of symptoms, not the time of diagnosis. Exactly how this date will be determined and, activists hope, how AIDS is best defined, will be addressed by the national headquarters on May 27, when more detailed instructions are scheduled to be released.

Emergency instructions via telex were the fastest way to enact the policy change, said Jay Lipner, a volunteer attorney for the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). Lipner has become a widely acknowledged expert on Social Security and AIDS, having worked closely with state and federal officials since last fall. He began his Social Security work after discussions with GMHC crisis counselors convinced him this was "one of the single biggest problems" AIDS patients were having. "I know of cases of people who applied who met the CDC definition of AIDS and died waiting for an appeal [of the rejected application]," Lipner told *GCN*.

Social Security's use of emergency instructions and the retroactive payment feature may indicate its discomfort over the delay in recognizing the spread of AIDS in the past few years. Even now, some parts of the bureaucracy will move slowly. More than three weeks after the date of the change, a Social Security spokesman in New York, the city most heavily hit, told *GCN* "We're just now getting instructions about claims for someone who alleges to have AIDS. We are just now becoming aware of AIDS as something tangible in and of itself."

The head office in New York state responded to GMHC and Na-

tional Gay Task Force (NGTF) requests months before the national headquarters issued a memo on AIDS in late February and also used the CDC definition of AIDS. Jeff Carples, assistant to state Commissioner Caesar Pereles, said, however, his office "will continue to meet with GMHC to reach a definition we both find acceptable." Carples said the instructions

Continued on page 2

'No Privacy Right' To Bar Adultery Charges

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — Claiming "there is no fundamental personal privacy right implicit in the concept of ordered liberty barring the prosecution of consenting adults committing adultery in private," the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court on May 13 upheld the conviction of a Worcester woman under the state's 287-year-old adultery law.

A nine-page opinion by Justice Neil Lynch rejected the appeal of Judith Stowell, who claimed that regulation of a consensual, private sex act violated her constitutional right to privacy. Lynch, an appointee of former Massachusetts Governor Edward King, invoked a 1916 opinion of the United States Supreme Court which states that "adultery is an offense against the marriage relation and belongs to the class of subjects which each state controls in its own way."

Worcester police arrested Stowell and Jose Monteiro of Hudson on October 13, 1980 after observing Stowell motion to Monteiro as he drove by in a van. Monteiro stopped, Stowell got into the van and police followed the

two to a secluded, wooded area. The officers later approached the van, looked into a rear window, and saw the two having sex.

"Both occupants were adults and told the officers they were married but not to each other," Lynch noted in his opinion. "Both were arrested and charged with adultery."

Monteiro chose to pay the \$50 fine, but Stowell demanded a jury trial. A district court judge then referred the constitutional questions to the Supreme Judicial Court.

In 1974, in *Commonwealth v. Balthazar*, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that language in a Massachusetts statute prohibiting "unnatural and lascivious acts" was unconstitutionally vague as applied to private, consensual conduct between adults. The effect of *Commonwealth v. Stowell* is specifically to exempt married persons from the constitutional privacy rights articulated in the *Balthazar* decision.

According to the Boston *Globe*, Worcester County Assistant District Attorney Jane Shepard, in her statement to the court, argued that

"no individual has ever been totally free to pursue sexual relationships with whomever she or he pleases." Shepard added that adultery "offends the marriage union."

According to the *Globe*, Massachusetts Defenders Committee attorney Margaret VanDeusen, arguing for Stowell, countered the sex outside of marriage "is a matter which must be left to private decision... While the state may properly make adultery a ground for divorce, it exceeds its power when it makes that conduct a crime."

"I think that it's an unfortunate decision that puts the court so far behind today's social standards that it can only look ludicrous," added Kathy Travers, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD). "We can only hope that it will help straight people to better understand the legal position that gay people find themselves in, which is risking legal action for having your personal relations discovered by someone who disapproves of them."

News Notes

quote of the week

"In the current political climate schools are constantly under hostile scrutiny from well-organized conservative forces. . . . I have found both in teaching and in speaking to a wide variety of audiences that making connections between oppressions is an excellent way to introduce the subjects of lesbian and gay male identity and homophobia, because it offers people a frame of reference to build upon. . . . It is factually inaccurate and strategically mistaken to present gay materials as if all gay people were white and male. There is an increasing body of work available, usually written by Third World feminists, that provides an integrated approach to the intersection of a multiplicity of identities and issues."

— Barbara Smith, in an article, "Homophobia: Why Bring It Up" appearing in *Interracial Books for Children Bulletin*, Vol. 14, Nos. 3 & 4.

harassed men's club closed in sydney

SYDNEY — A sex club for gay men has been declared a disorderly house by the New South Wales Supreme Court and closed for business. Club 80 was raided by Sydney police, once in January and once in February. Hearings for the men arrested in those raids are scheduled for June and August.

taxi stalls in richmond

RICHMOND, VA — Just hours before a scheduled showing of the gay film *Taxi Zum Klo*, a judge issued a permanent injunction against its screening, according to *Our Own*.

Richmond Circuit Judge James B. Wilkinson banned the film on April 2 in an unusual Saturday court session after seeing the film on April 1. He called the film "obscene and disgusting" and also said it was "degrading to homosexuals."

A student group at Virginia Commonwealth University had planned to screen *Taxi* for the campus community and the general public. They sought the aid of the ACLU and an attorney contacted the Richmond police to find out if the audience was liable to arrest at the screening. This alerted city officials to the planned showing of the film. When the attorney tried to get a court order prohibiting police action, he was told that the city had already taken steps to make sure the film would not be shown in Richmond.

court upholds evictions of unrelated tenants

NEW YORK — The New York State Court of Appeals has held that landlords may evict unrelated tenants who share an apartment without the landlord's consent. The decision from the state's highest court, overturned a 1982 ruling by a lower court in the case of *Hudson View Properties v. Weiss*.

A standard clause in New York leases which stipulates that only "the immediate family" of a leaseholder may occupy the apartment, has been used by landlords to evict gay and unmarried straight couples. Landlords have then been able to rent the same apartments at higher rents in the city's tight housing market.

ACLU attorneys argued that the case showed discrimination on the basis of marital status, prohibited by state human rights statutes. But, the court ruled that Hudson View sought to evict Julia Weiss and her male friend only because they had violated the terms of their lease, not because the couple was unmarried.

The ruling, which cannot be appealed, is particularly threatening to gay and lesbian couples who do not have the option of marrying to comply with the "immediate family" clause. Several state assemblymen from Manhattan have indicated that they are drafting legislation to reverse the court's decision.

attention curriculum specialists and librarians!!

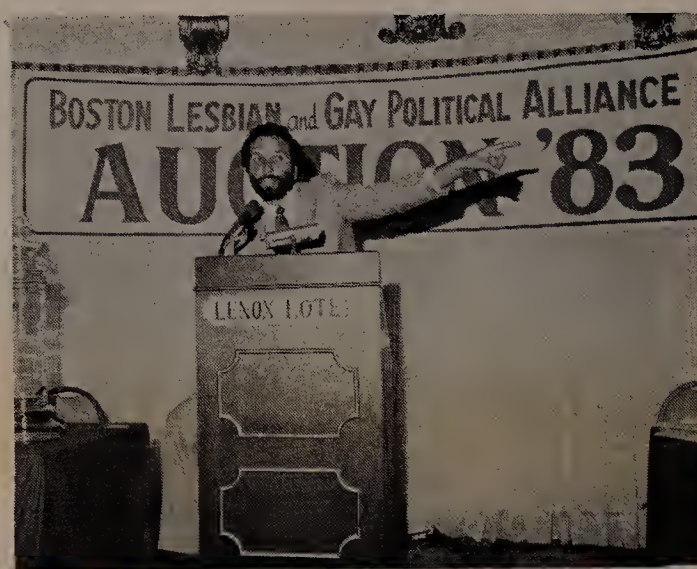
NEW YORK — Guest editor Lenore Gordon has announced the publication of a special issue on homophobia of the *Interracial Books for Children Bulletin*. This double issue of the *Bulletin* includes articles by James S. Tinney, Barbara Smith and Audre Lorde. It addresses topics such as lesbian and gay characters in children's books, a list of recommended books on gay/lesbian themes, and a lesson plan for countering homophobia and getting books on gay themes onto the shelves of libraries.

The magazine is available for \$3.00 plus \$.50 for handling from the Council on Interracial Books for Children, 1841 Broadway, NY, NY, 10023.

australian women protest war rapes

SYDNEY — Nearly 170 women were arrested in an anti-rape demonstration on April 25 in Sydney. Held on Anzac Day, the Australian equivalent of Veterans' Day, the march was dedicated to the memory of all women in all countries raped in all wars. Organizers defied a court order barring the demonstration and the women were arrested as they marched along the route.

A lesbian marcher who said she felt nervous about defying the court order to march on a day set aside for men who died in war, said, "However, it is also a day of male bonding and glorification of male war exploits. Few are prepared to look closely at the other aspect being highlighted by this march. . . . that on both sides, women are the spoils of war."



BOSTON — Above is Eric Rofes, guest auctioneer at the Boston Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance benefit auction held Friday evening, May 13 at the Lenox Hotel.

Over 200 people bid on about 200 items. Sold were such hits of memorabilia as 25 pounds of gay male erotica and one of the few remaining prints of the official poster from the 1982 Gay Games. A spokesperson for the group said that over \$8000 was netted at the benefit. Proceeds will be used to pay for mailings and other publicity materials, expenses for candidates' nights and to fund other projects of the group.

Guest auctioneers pounded the gavel for BLGPA. Local groups represented at the podium were Black and White Men Together, *Gay Community News*, Fenway Community Health Center, Homophile Community Health Service and the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus.

uconn law school boots military recruiters

WEST HARTFORD, CT — The faculty of the University of Connecticut Law School acted on April 6 to bar military recruiters from the West Hartford campus, according to the *Force*.

Gay student activists consider it an important victory, but they had hoped for a more comprehensive anti-discrimination policy at the law school, with regulations extending to admissions policies and educational programs.

council debates gay church's membership request

SAN FRANCISCO — The four-day meeting of the governing board of the National Council of Churches will include debate about the application for membership by the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), according to the *Boston Globe* and the *New York Times*. This discussion of MCC's application may result in a compromise before the final vote on the question this November.

MCC, a 30,000 member denomination, has ministered to gay and lesbian Christians since 1968. While regarded as having appropriate doctrinal views on most issues, it is the church's approval of gay lifestyles which is problematic to some Council members. Some denominations believe that MCC could be admitted on an "agree to disagree" basis, but others have stated their churches would never accept the MCC as a Council member.

center 'violates civil rights of jews', hosts forum on homosexuality

BROOKLINE — About 100 people crossed an anti-gay picket line to attend a forum on gay and lesbian Jews on Sunday May 15 at the Jewish Community Center. Earlier in the week, the Brookline Center staff had received phone calls threatening participants with stoning should the forum go on as scheduled. Also received was a court order by the "Supreme Rabbinic Court of America," instructing the center to cancel the program or face the "dissolution of marriages" and "excommunication."

In spite of all the commotion, the program planners never wavered from their commitment to the forum. The audience heard prepared statements by Gloria Greenfield, publisher of *Persephone Press* and Eric Rofes, GCN Board member and author of *I Thought People Like That Killed Themselves*. Rabbi Danny Shevitz presented the traditional Jewish view of homosexuality and lesbianism. A question and answer period followed the presentations by the three speakers.

In the court order, the Center staff was accused of "violating the civil rights of Jews in Boston" by inviting Greenfield to speak. Greenfield, publisher of *Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology*, was called "a self-professed lesbian and advocate of homosexuality" by the rabbinical court.

In a discussion of visibility of gay men and lesbians in the Jewish community, Rofes commented that it is often simply assumed that there are no gays or lesbians in congregations, but that when institutions, such as counselling services, make it known that gay men and lesbians are welcome, suddenly there are many men and women who will utilize the facilities. Greenfield urged that Jewish institutions recruit openly gay men or women for staff positions.

dutch youths perform service work for bashing

AMSTERDAM — Four youths found guilty of violent attacks on gay people were ordered by a judge to redecorate the offices of a gay organization, according to a COC press release.

The unusual program of reparations to the community occurred when it became clear in a case that bashing gays was a common practice among students at the school attended by the defendants. An attorney suggested that an alternative sentence having to do with the gay community might be effective for some of the offending youths. Despite many doubts on their parts, members of the gay group COC agreed to the plan.

After several talks, the gays and the students resolved their discomfort with each other. At the final discussion, the youths said that had they had more information about and exposure to gay people, they would not have attacked them. The four boys then volunteered to start an educational project about gay people at their school.

Social Security

Continued from page 1

tions to New York state offices were issued without waiting for the national office to act and likewise could be revised. Pereles' office, with jurisdiction over New York City, potentially affects 60 percent of the nearly 1400 AIDS patients nationwide.

"The whole thing is unusual," Carples said. "There are not many new diseases that aren't listed." He said his office began efforts to "list" AIDS in January, after Pereles was appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo.

In addition to unprecedented

cooperation from the state office, Lipner credits Reps. Ted Weiss of New York and California's Henry Waxman and the late Phil Burton with pushing the change at a national level. NGTF and the New York AIDS Network, along with GMHC, will be spreading the word about the newly available benefits and pushing applications along when necessary.

Neither Social Security officials nor GMHC yet have figures of how many AIDS patients may be eligible or already have applied and were rejected. GMHC's Financial Aid Advisor Chris Len-

non told *GCN* that of the 120 patients now involved with GMHC crisis intervention teams, he knew of only 18 people who had applied for Social Security benefits, and none who had actually received them.

Lennon said that local welfare offices have been cooperative but he added, "I'm surprised that I'm not seeing more [requests for financial help]."

While no local organizers or Social Security officials mentioned receiving help from New York City Mayor Ed Koch claimed responsibility for the change in

policy at a recent GMHC benefit.

At the city-run Office of Gay and Lesbian Health Concerns, which is under the jurisdiction of Health Commissioner David Sencer, a spokesperson volunteered that "Dr. Sencer's calls and work led to this," when asked about the change in Social Security policy.

"A number of people were surprised when the mayor took credit," Carples said. "That was a little outrageous. He wasn't responsible for it. Nobody from the mayor's office even talked to us about it." Carples said his of-

fice wrote to Sencer about Social Security policy on AIDS in January, but "he never answered."

To secure disability benefits, AIDS patients are urged to contact GMHC for assistance. A six-month waiting period is mandatory for one benefit program. There are numerous bureaucratic pitfalls in dealing with Social Security, as well as other assistance options. GMHC can be reached at (212) 685-4952 (hotline) or (212) 807-6655, Box 274, 132 West 24th Street, NY, NY 10011.

Texans Regroup For Sodomy Law Fight

By Loie Hayes

After a short vacation, gay and lesbian Texans are once again fighting legislation which outlaws "deviate" sex. In August 1982, the Texas sodomy law was ruled unconstitutional. Then, state Attorney General Jim Mattox announced that he would not seek a reversal of that ruling because his office was "unable to present evidence showing any purpose for the statute."

On the same day of Mattox's March announcement, Rep. Bill Ceverha (R-Richardson) introduced into the legislature a new, much harsher and more comprehensive anti-gay and anti-lesbian bill, CSHB 2138.

Among other things, Ceverha's new bill defines and recriminalizes "deviate sexual intercourse, intimate sexual contact and homosexual conduct." It also expands laws pertaining to public lewdness and indecency with a minor. Ceverha wants to raise the penalties for "deviate sexual intercourse" from a Class C misde-

meanor punishable by a \$200 fine and no prison term, to a third degree felony and, following a previous conviction, second degree felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and a prison term of up to 20 years.

Specific sexual practices are not the only target of Ceverha's bill. If passed, CSHB 2138 would establish a public policy "to discourage and to refrain from encouraging or promoting the placing of persons who engage in said sexual practices between persons of the same sex in positions of public trust (including but not limited to, positions as public school teachers, food handlers or processors, health care practitioners, public safety officers or any other position of public leadership or responsibility)." The bill cites "transmission of disease," "violent conduct," "acts against the state," "immorality and indecency" as associated with gay people and the justification for anti-gay discrimination.

In a hearing before the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence on April 19, Ceverha focused on AIDS and portrayed gay men and lesbians as threats to "public" health and welfare. His presentation included in part testimony by a member of "Dallas Doctors Against AIDS," two Dallas vice squad police officers and psychologist Dr. Paul Cameron of the Institute for the Scientific Investigation of Sexuality in Lincoln, Nebraska. Cameron is the former head of the "Committee to Oppose Special Rights for Homosexuals," a group which succeeded in defeating a proposed gay rights amendment to Lincoln's human rights statutes.

Scott Stebleman, a field associate in Lincoln with the Gay Rights National Lobby, has accumulated a large file on Cameron's activities.

Most recently, on May 5 at a regional conference of the American Psychology Association in Chicago, Cameron presented a paper entitled, "Homosexuality and Mass Murder." Gay rights activists are trying to convince

Nebraska's State Licensing Board to revoke Cameron's professional license.

Bettie Naylor, lobbyist for Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates in Austin, coordinated pro-gay testimony against the bill. Don Baker, the plaintiff in the successful challenge to the state's old sodomy law, spoke forcefully, "This bill, like previous discriminatory bills, was conceived in ignorance and has been nurtured by ignorance."

Also presenting pro-gay testimony were Jim Barber, the lawyer who argued Baker v. Wade, two doctors experienced with treatment of AIDS, the Texas Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Renee Rabb, an aide to pro-gay Rep. Debra Danburg (D-Montrose), pointed out to GCN, "some of our finest support had come from NOW."

The bill has been referred to a sub-committee and it is unlikely that it will be voted out of committee before the end of the legislative session on May 30. It is still "entirely possible" according to Rabb, that Ceverha will try to

force a full House vote on the proposal by attaching it as an amendment to another bill.

Gay supporters in the legislature will be watching Ceverha closely to prevent his using this amendment tactic. Rabb stressed to GCN the importance of pro-gay Texans writing their representatives, explaining, "We are being badly out-mailed by the other side. You would not believe the homophobia that comes across my desk every day."

Lobbyist Bettie Naylor reported that Ceverha himself has called the bill a "dead duck" but she added, "I'm not going to relax until midnight, May 30."

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates have conducted an extensive campaign against Ceverha's bill. In literature, they sum up the threat in these words, "Simply, but very seriously said, our health, jobs, lifestyle, and very essence is on the line. Through a united effort, we can prevent recriminalization of homosexual conduct — behavior that is normal and natural for a large number of Texans."

— filed from Boston

Bulletin Board

Compiled by Loie Hayes

Come to the fundraising party at Somewhere/Else in Boston to support production of "CHOOSING CHILDREN," a film about lesbians who decide to have children after they come out. Entertainment by the Girillias and others. \$2 cover. For details, call 776-6759.

The GAY ACADEMIC UNION will hold its ninth national conference in San Diego, Nov. 25-27. Proposals for presentations, performances and workshops should be sent by July 1 to GAU9 Program Committee, P.O. Box 82123 San Diego, CA 92138. (Please include biographical data with proposal.) The GAU also wants nominations for their Annual Awards in the following categories: research, theory, performing arts, fine arts, literature, journalism, and three, more general, activist categories. Nominations can be sent to GAU Awards Committee at the address above, by Sept. 1.

The CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S CENTER holds an open introductory group every Wednesday at 8pm. The topic for May 25 is "Bisexuality." Call 354-8807 for future topics.

A call for ideas and reference materials on the question of WOMEN AND LANGUAGE, with special focus on violence, sexuality, misogyny and objectification, for a book by Chiquita Rollins and Mary Taylor, 4202 W. Denton, Phoenix, AZ 85019, (602) 841-8179.

"Ventana Gay," the first Gay Liberation publication in Latin America, is considering hosting the first LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAY/LESBIAN CONFERENCE June 21 to 24, in Bogota, Columbia. Contact Victor Hugo Duque Lemarie, Director, Ventana Gay, Apartado Aereo 43.593, Bogota 1, D.E., Columbia.

The 1983 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL will be held June 3-5 in Bloomington, Indiana. The advance registration fee is \$48 for three days or \$36 for two days. Housing and food are available at additional cost. There will also be free or inexpensive housing alternatives. NWMF's address is P.O. Box 1568, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Theory, personal experience and creative writing and graphics are requested for a DISABLED WOMEN'S ANTHOLOGY to be published by Cleis Press. Send manuscript and a taped reading of your work or copies of original artwork by Sept. 1 to Debra J. Connors, 3535 23rd St., San Francisco, CA 94110, (415) 641-5951.

After a temporary suspension of services, the ALLIANCE AGAINST SEXUAL COERCION in Cambridge, MA is resuming regular staffing hours. Contact them at (617) 547-1176.

The Fifth NATIONAL LESBIAN/GAY HEALTH CONFERENCE, the Second NATIONAL FORUM ON AIDS, and a medical symposium of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS will all be held in Denver June 8-12. For information contact: Health Pioneering in the 80's, P.O. Box 9413, Denver, CO 80209, (303) 777-9530.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS will convene in New York City, Oct. 8-10. The NYC chapter, Box 553 Lenox Hill Station, New York, NY 10023 has more information.

Philip Willkie, a gay freelance writer, is seeking to record interviews with gay men over 40 for a book on gay life before 1970. Send a short biographical letter to Willkie, 117 MacKubin St., #5, St. Paul, MN 55102, or call (612) 291-2913. Names will be held in strict confidence.

Mountain Meadow Country Experience, a FEMINIST SUMMER CAMP FOR GIRLS, will be held July 10 to August 5 in south central Pennsylvania. The address is MMCE, 3736 Kanawha St., NW, Washington, DC 20015.

A new women's film organization, Second Decade Films, has been formed and will sponsor the 1983 WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL in New York City, Sept. 8 to 11. Write: Second Decade Films, P.O. Box 1482, New York, NY 10009.

The SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR POPULAR ECONOMICS, three one-week sessions in economics for progressive activists, will be held at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, July 10-16, July 31-August 6, and August 14-20. For additional information and an application form, please write the Center for Popular Economics, P.O. Box 785, Amherst, MA 01004, (413) 545-0743.

Continued on page 13

Kalamazoo Clash Fizzles In Preacher's Absence

By Laura Hathaway

KALAMAZOO, MI — On Saturday, May 14 some 400 demonstrators heckled and jeered as 14 men and women, representing the Indiana Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Detroit-based S.S. Action Group, rallied at Bronson Park in Kalamazoo. Organizers on both sides had anticipated an ideological clash over gay books in the public library, but the debate became rhetorical exercise when a Christian hoping to ban the books, failed to appear.

Meanwhile, three miles away, in Milham Park, a crowd of about 200 attended the Freedom Fair, billed as "a positive celebration of freedom of speech." An ad hoc group planned the Fair as an alternative to the Bronson Park demonstration, which they feared would become violent.

Kalamazoo's only gay organization, the lesbian group Lavender Morning, had a booth at the Freedom Fair in Milham Park. Jodi Jacobs of Lavender Morning told GCN her group wanted to make a positive statement about lesbian rights and so took part in the Freedom Fair.

Saturday's events resulted from a confrontation on April 9, when fundamentalist preacher Ed Varner and spokesmen of the right-wing groups, held a press conference in the Kalamazoo Public Library announcing a campaign to ban 70 books now in the library. The books, according to Varner, promote homosexuality.

The ShiMo Underground, a local group which also called the counter-demonstration Saturday

in Bronson Park, organized 350 protesters who booed for half an hour on April 9 until a library administrator halted the press conference. Varner called the May 14 rally soon afterward.

Varner, from nearby Three Rivers, claims that he was a gay satanist before his conversion to Christianity. He was well known around the Detroit bar scene and once won a contest as a female impersonator.

He planned Saturday's function as a Christian forum against gays, downplaying the Klan involvement. Varner has not been able to generate any visible religious support.

Varner disappeared May 10, taken from his mother's home by police after receiving death threats from an Indiana KKK leader with whom Varner had quarrelled. He was not in Bronson Park Saturday, but his mother, Vivian Varner, spoke at the rally.

Without Varner, the demonstrators dropped the specific anti-gay focus and concentrated on their general hate message, speaking under confederate and American flags and a banner that read, "White power — the only power."

Speakers representing various leftist groups at the open-mike rally held by the ShiMo Underground before the counter-demonstration emphasized the right-wing extremists' racism and their support of U.S. capitalism.

A woman from the all-black Coalition to End Police Brutality in Battle Creek spoke of recent

cross burnings in that town. A man from the Committee in Support of the People of El Salvador talked about the right-wing death squads in that country. A UAW member from Detroit described the recent murder there of Victor Chin, an Asian American, beaten to death by two white men with baseball bats who thought he was Japanese and blamed him for the loss of their jobs. The crowd also heard speakers from the All People's Congress, the Revolutionary Socialist League, the Revolutionary Communist Party and various individuals.

While many lesbians and gay men participated, there was no organized gay presence in Bronson Park.

Most of the anti-right speakers mentioned the rally's homophobic origin as an afterthought if at all.

The Klan members and the S.S. Action Group finally appeared at 3 PM, two hours after the announced starting time. The chanting crowd effectively drowned them out and a few counter-demonstrators threw garbage and flowers across police lines. Two women and two men from the counter-demonstration were arrested, but no one was injured. The event broke up an hour later, when some of the counter-demonstrators ran after the Klan's departing van and drizzling rain dispersed those remaining.

Northampton

Continued from page 1

the New Alexandria Library. "Louder than the voices of the threats, these are our voices," she said.

"When some bigot in Florence tells the [Daily Hampshire] Gazette he thinks we want to make Northampton into the gay capital of the East, I think he underestimates our aspirations," Birdfish declared. "Wouldn't we really rather have it be the lesbian and gay capital of a free and open loving universe?"

Gwendolyn Rogers, national coordinator of the Lesbian and Gay Focus of the All People's Congress and keynote speaker at the rally, urged a concerted response to the harassment.

"We must learn to channel and focus our anger," Rogers declared. "At this time in the lesbian and gay community we need to escalate not only the level of organization, but we need to strengthen our alliance with all other oppressed communities."

Jerry Fraser, a straight man representing the Northampton Committee on Central America, offered his group's solidarity with the demonstrators. Referring to a local anti-gay Baptist minister, Fraser told the rally: "Let me remind Rev. Paasch, as the Sandinistas reminded the world, that the voice of the people is the voice of the world."

Pride!

SHOW THE WORLD YOUR GAY PRIDE!!

Send b/w photos and a short summary of your community's gay pride celebration to the News Editor. Include a name and phone number to contact for more details. Deadline is June 28. Mail to: GCN News Editor, 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111.

Community Voices

psychic sadism

Dear *GCN*,

A bright light flashed in my cerebral recesses as I read the latest exchange in your letters column on man/boy love and lesbian S&M. It may be only a freakish and frivolous flash, but let me run it by your readers all the same.

At least since Freud, thoughtful people have grown accustomed to the idea that most normal human beings are a blend of hetero- and homosexual inclinations. Some tend more to one end of the spectrum, some more to the other. Where you have such an extended range, you justly expect a "normal" distribution even towards what might appear to be the biologically less functional pole, homosexuality.

We recognize, too, that sometimes the worst homophobes are those who are trying to repress that homosexual side of themselves which is fully natural and normal, but which they have been taught to fear and despise.

Coming now to intergenerational relationships, may we not agree with Dr. Edward Brongersma (writing in the NAMBLA Bulletin, March 1983) that most normal human beings will experience an extended range of age-specific sexual attractions. The "most normal" might be towards people in their 20s or 30s or to those in one's own age group, but as with the homo/hetero range, you would have to expect also a "normal" distribution of people attracted to the young. They are no more abnormal than are homosexuals, but simply a pronounced case of a tendency which lies within us all. A sexual affection for children, even when checked by a powerful incest taboo, has played no small part in our survival and flourishing as a species.

Many will indignantly proclaim that they can find within themselves no speck of lust towards those below the legal age, but can we not suspect them of the same sort of repression and denial as the aforementioned homophobes?

Moving on, again, to sadomasochistic relationships, we can discern a continuum operating here as well. Even those who consider themselves the gentlest of lovers will recognize that there often occur times when will clashes against will, when dominance and submission are an inescapable part of any true relationship. Indeed, chain and whip are puny when compared to the psychological discipline which we routinely visit on those we love. It could well be that the physical expression which is part of S&M could soften the severity of our psychic sadism.

And if I read attentively the letters of may of those who rail most vehemently against S&M, do I not often detect a force of will and severity of character before which even the most demanding Master or Mistress might tremble?

Please continue to provide space for debates such as these. I feel that 20 or 30 years down the road, as one looks back on the accomplishments of *GCN* and the community around it, discussions on questions such as intergenerational love and sadomasochism will prove more critical and significant than most of the front-page stories in legislative initiatives and anti-discrimination struggles, as important as these latter are.

Sincerely,

Joe Owens

Winter Park, FL

rugby

Dear Ann Matter/*GCN*,

The ritual you glimpsed and heard was the traditional rendition of a rugby song, a popular genre of sexual antiquity which overlapped that of bawdy songs in many ways. A good gay rugger (is that the correct term?) tells me that the repertoire is vast, freighted with unnatural acts (one marathon ballad explores carnal relations with the Sphinx and Gizeh), and of ancient heterosexual lineage. I'd guess the continuing nostalgia craze among hapless helots explains its revival.

"What can this possibly mean?" That rugby never dies, it just bumps and grinds away.

Sportingly yours,

R.J. Rizzo

Boston, MA

FEATURES EDITOR

Gay Community News is looking for a Features Editor. Previous experience helpful. Responsible for soliciting and editing articles and book reviews, planning special supplements. Commitment to feminism and social change. Challenging position in a stimulating environment. Full-time. Low salary, good benefits. Inquiries and resumes to: Managing Editor, *GCN*, 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111. (617) 426-4469.

women, too

Dear Sisters and Brothers at *GCN*,

I was a little upset in reading the coverage of the march to get funding for AIDS research that it was reported that 5000 *men* demonstrated. It was also reported that buses brought *gay men* from out of the area to the circus on Saturday night.

As a lesbian who was both at the circus and at the demonstration, I was hurt at being excluded and must assume that the work of women to help in fighting for money for AIDS research, etc., and our growing role in counseling and working with gay AIDS victims is going to be invisible. There were hundreds, probably thousands, of women at the circus, and women were among the speakers, monitors, and organizers of the demonstration, working hand in hand with the men. It seems rather strange that *GCN*, of all the gay presses, should make these mistakes in reporting.

This crisis is no time to polarize our community. It may be, as Larry Kramer said, the time that we finally get our act together, just as the California lesbian and gay communities did during the Briggs Initiative debacle. While few lesbians are now getting AIDS, this does not mean that we are not potential victims. And even if we are not potential victims (a joy of separatism?), we cannot stand by and watch our brothers, friends, and coworkers become victims and do nothing. We can raise money and raise hell; we can volunteer to do counseling, to take people to the doctor, to make lives easier for those who are ill; and most of all, we can offer to give our blood wherever and whenever it is needed.

Women can be an important force in working to fight the AIDS crisis, so please, don't ignore that we are working with the men and fighting for their lives. If not now, when?

Love,

Penny Dachinger

Brooklyn, NY

take action

Dear Secretary Heckler:

This letter is to offer my congratulations to someone from Massachusetts on your appointment to HHS Secretary and to express my deep concern, as a member of the health care community (psychotherapy), about funding for research on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

The people currently at highest risk for AIDS (gay men, IV drug users, Haitians) are considered in many quarters to be people the country would be better off without. Thus, I am not unaware of the political aspects of the ways in which funds have and have not been earmarked and disbursed for this unparalleled American health crisis.

I cannot urge too strongly that you take an immediate public stand in favor of a full-scale medical assault on the AIDS crisis, and that you use your relationship with the President and members of Congress to supply the necessary funding at once.

The available data indicate that before another year passes, we shall have *thousands* of productive citizens dying in the prime of life—unless massive action is undertaken. The political and moral responsibility of such a situation falls directly on your shoulders.

I should greatly appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

Joel D. Heneken

Jamaica Plain, MA

Gay Community News welcomes letters to Community Voices. If at all possible, your letters should be TYPED AND DOUBLE SPACED and kept to three pages (or less!) in length. *GCN* publishes all the letters it receives, unedited, on a space-available basis, unless they contain personal attacks. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names will be withheld upon request. Address letters to: Community Voices, *Gay Community News*, 167 Tremont St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

It Feels Good to sustain *GCN*, and you get a lot back from us. The pledge form below gives you details, and artist Jennifer Camper gives you some points of comparison. Sustaining *GCN* feels as good as . . .



GCN needs to grow to 20 PAGES EVERY WEEK. With your sustaining support, we can do it. Please consider becoming a *GCN* sustainer. You get lots of benefits (see below), and you get the satisfaction of seeing the paper you love grow before your very eyes. Thank you to all the new sustainers who have responded to our 1983 campaign.

The 1983 Gay Community News Sustainer Program Your pledge (minimum \$120 per year) brings you:

- a one year subscription to *GCN*
- a special invitation to the Second Annual Sustainer Party
- the quarterly sustainer newsletter
- and the good feeling that comes with building a better paper and a stronger community.
- two introductory gift subs to give to your boss, relatives, ex-lovers, or friends

☐ I want to feel good! Sign me on as a *GCN* Sustainer for the next 12 months.

☐ We/I pledge to make quarterly payments of:

_____ \$30 (\$120 annually)

_____ \$100 (\$400 annually)

_____ \$50 (\$200 annually)

_____ \$ _____

☐ We/I would like to arrange the following payment plan _____

(The minimum pledge is \$120 a year)

☐ Enclosed is my first installment of \$ _____

Name* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*As with all *GCN* correspondence, your name will be kept strictly confidential unless you agree otherwise. May we publish your name in our quarterly newsletter? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Please mail coupon and payment to: *GCN*, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111.

Gay Community News

cover photos: Larry Goldsmith

MANAGING EDITOR

Cindy Patton

NEWS EDITOR

Sue Hyde

FEATURES EDITOR

Kevin Cathcart

ART DIRECTOR

Sherry Edwards

OFFICE MANAGER

Mike Riegler

ADVERTISING MANAGER

Lisa Hirschkop

CIRCULATION/STAFF WRITER

Jil Clark

LOCAL REPORTER

Larry Goldsmith

TYPOGRAPHER/STAFF WRITER

Nancy Wechsler

CLASSIFIEDS

Nancy Walker

COPY EDITOR

Gordon Gottlieb

DISTRIBUTION

Barbara Cischke

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Richard Burns, **Treasurer:**

Chris Guilfooy, **Clerk:** Gordon Gottlieb;

Bob Andrews, Cindy Chin, Art Cohen,

Barry Forbes, Eric Rofes, Urvashi Vaid

NEWS STAFF

Keith Beaseley, Peg Byron, David

France, David Hunt, Marc Killinger,

John Kyper, Bob Nelson, John Zeh

FEATURES STAFF

Michael Bronski, Ruth Borenstein,

Malkah Barrisey Feldman, Steve

Forgione, Amy Hoffman, Joe

Interrante, Will James, Catherine

Joseph, Rob Kaplan, Martin Krieger,

Pat Kuras, Nancy Langer, Andrea

Freud Loewenstein, Mark McHarry,

Mitzel, Wade Nichols, Lisa Orlando,

Cindy Rizzo, Eric Rofes, Lee Swislow,

Kenneth Hale-Wehmann

ART STAFF

Design Assistant: Ann Heron

Illustrators: Diane Ayott, Timothy

Blackburn, Paul Brouillette, Jennifer

Camper, Laurel Cunningham, Ron

Fowler, Kate Gawf, Jeff Kopseng,

Patrick Maloney, Neely O'Hara, Pip,

Abe Rybeck, L. Severance, David

Storm, Denise Sudell, Read Weaver

PRISONER PROJECT

Debra Davenport, Freddie Greenfield,

Lisa Orlando

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Marie Favorito, Susan Fleischmann,

Joyce Harper, Bettys Lane, Ellen

Shub, Michael Thompson, John

Tobin, Neal Trousdale

PROMOTIONS

Barry Forbes, John Feeney, Dave

Peterson; **Microfilm Promoter:** Dee

Michel

CIRCULATION STAFF

Mailing Supervisor: Beverly Schwartz

Betsy Duren, Woody O'Kane, Brad

Neuman, Linda Gwizdak, Jim Wilson-

Napier, Anne Waterman, Jim Allen,

Bobbie Honey, Kendal P. Watts,

Richard Creasy, Jim Spellman, Henry

Hensley, L. David Cataldo, Frank

McNeil, Susan Rust

ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

Advertising Assistant: Kevin McAliley

COMPUTER MANAGEMENT

Margie Bleichman, Michael Mikowski

INDEXER

Charles Ash

BULK DISTRIBUTION

Ray Hopkins

NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE

Rivendell Marketing, 666 6th Ave.,

New York, N.Y. 10010, (212) 242-6863

NEW YORK DISTRIBUTION

Majority News Distributors, Inc., 306

W. 13th St., New York, N.Y. 10014,

(212) 243-7770.

Gay Community News (GCN) is dedicated to providing coverage of events and news of interest to the gay community. *GCN* is published every week (except the first week of January and the last week of August) by a non-profit corporation. All material copyright © 1983, Bromfield Street Educational Foundation, Inc., all rights reserved, reprint by permission only. Our office is located at 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111. (617) 426-4469.

Second-class postage paid at Boston, Mass. Annual subscription rate is \$25. ISSN: 0147-0728. Member New England Press Association, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. COSMEP Member.

GCN is included in the Alternative Press Index, which is published quarterly by the Alternative Press Center, Inc., Box 7229, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Volumes 1-9 of *GCN* are available on microfilm for \$22/volume. Write *GCN*/Microfilm for more information.

Opinions reflected in "editorial" represent the views of the editorial board. Signed letters and columns reflect the views and opinions of the authors' only. Comments, criticisms, and information are always welcome from our readers: remember, it's YOUR paper!

Postmaster: Send address changes to: *Gay Community News*, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111.

Speaking Out

The Boston Project Studies Queerbashing

By Larry Goldsmith

The following testimony was presented at a panel on “Police and Gay/Lesbian Community Relations” at Boston City Hall on May 5, 1983. The panel was held as part of The Boston Project, a city-sponsored “comprehensive landmark study to identify and analyze the needs of gay and lesbian citizens and to develop a workable agenda to better meet those needs” (see GCN, Vol. 10, No. 28).

Let me begin with a few examples.

On March 31, 1977, at 10:15 p.m., passers-by found Ralph Heaney, a 28-year-old gay man, stabbed to death in the Fens. His murder remains unsolved to this day.

On June 22, 1980, at 3:50 a.m., passers-by found Charles Kimball, a 47-year-old gay man, shot to death in the Fens. Four days later, 1200 people marched with candles through the Fenway neighborhood to condemn the murder and to protest increased violence in the area. Kimball’s murder remains unsolved.

On April 9, 1981, at 1:45 a.m., Mel Horne, who once served as Promotions Manager for *Gay Community News*, was stabbed to death on Huntington Avenue, near the Prudential Center. Robin MacCormack, Boston’s mayoral liaison to the lesbian and gay community, told a *GCN* reporter that anti-gay violence in the neighborhood was on the rise. Horne’s murder remains unsolved.

On July 15, 1981, at 4 a.m., five young men in a van pulled up alongside two men as they walked home along Providence Avenue near Park Square. The assailants beat them with a baseball bat, sending one to a local hospital for brain surgery. Two of the attackers were later arrested, making the incident an exception to the usual rule of police inaction. But this case stalled in court, and the attackers are back on the streets.

On November 1, 1982, around 11 p.m., three young men followed a Dorchester gay man home and beat him up. A police report was filed, but no arrests were made.

Three days later, on November 4, 1982, at 8:30 p.m., two young men assaulted a gay man on Atlantic Avenue as he walked toward his car. Police reported no arrests.

On July 7, 1982, at 5:20 a.m., an arsonist ignited the offices of *Gay Community News*, *Fag Rag*, the Glad Day Bookshop, and several artists’ studios. The contents of the building were destroyed. Police say they have no leads, and have apparently given up on the investigation.

Not one of the cases in my thick file on anti-gay violence has been successfully prosecuted. Only a tiny minority, in fact, resulted in arrests.

I have been asked to give an overview of violent attacks on lesbians and gay men in the city of Boston and to comment on the conduct and performance of the Boston Police Department in investigating those attacks and preventing future violence. The purpose of this panel, as it has been related to me, is to establish the existence of homophobic violence in the city, define the patterns of such violence, and suggest investigative and enforcement methods to help the police keep the streets safe.

I have to say that I think the nature of the problem is so patently obvious as to call into question the necessity of this study. Racial violence extends throughout the city. Parts of Boston — the majority of Boston’s neighborhoods, in fact — are unsafe for people of color. Parts of the city are unsafe for white people. Women are not safe on the streets of Boston. Lesbians and gay men are not safe on the streets of Boston. Come to think of it, *no one* is safe on the streets of Boston, not in *any* neighborhood. I’m not basing this estimation on FBI statistics or on articles in the Boston *Globe*, either; I’m basing it on personal experience and the experience of my friends, concrete and painful experience which brings home the point more realistically than any government arithmetic.

I hope it comes as no surprise to anyone here today that lesbians and gay men are most often the victims of violence in the parts of town where they live, work and socialize. In neighborhoods such as downtown, Beacon Hill, the Back Bay, the South End, the Fenway, Dorchester, and Jamaica Plain, where the concentration of lesbians and gay men is higher than in other parts of the city, the incidence of homophobic violence is, not surprisingly, greater than in other areas.

Frequently, homophobic attacks occur in situations where the victims are clearly identifiable as lesbians and gay men. Attacks routinely take place near bars and cruising areas, where not just our presence but our physical appearance — the way we’re dressed, for example — marks us as clear targets to our attackers, who more often than not are groups of young white men who have travelled into our neighborhoods specifically to beat up some queers — or anyone they think is queer. These attacks occur more frequently during warmer months, on weekends, and in the hours of late night and early morning, as cultural events wind up, the bars close, and people head for home.

It’s more than likely that violence under any of these conditions I’ve described involves some homophobic element. And we can be sure, of course, that an attack is homophobic if the assailants, as they often do, yell something like “Fucking queers!” or “Faggots suck!”

I don’t think I’ve ever read a story in the *Globe* or the *Herald* that reported something like, “Two men were brutally beaten last night as they walked home from Chaps, a local bar. Witnesses reported seeing a group of men shout anti-gay epithets at the pair, then repeatedly beat them with baseball bats. . . .”

I have never been told by the Informational Services Division of the Boston Police Department anything like “A man was stabbed last night in a possible queerbashing incident.”

I have never been asked by a homicide detective anything like “John Doe was found dead last night a block from his apartment. We think he may have spent part of the evening at Sporter’s. Would you mention in your article that we need to talk with anyone who may have seen him that evening?”

Often, however, I read stories in the *Globe* or the *Herald* that report something like “Two Boston men were listed in critical condition at Massachusetts General Hospital last night after a violent attack near the intersection of Exeter and Boylston Streets. Police report that witnesses saw a blue van speed away from the scene, but no arrests were made.”

Reading between the lines of stories like these is often the starting point for investigating my own stories. The next step is to call Informational Services.

“Hello, I’m calling from *Gay Community News* about the assault on Exeter Street last night. Is there reason to suspect the attack might have been anti-gay?”

“Well, no, it doesn’t say anything in the report about ‘anti-gay,’ and we don’t keep statistics on people’s sexual preference. Why don’t you call Detective So-and-so? He filled out the report.”

“Hello, Detective So-and-so? I’m calling from *Gay Community News* about the assault on Exeter Street last night.”

“Oh yeah? What’s it to you?”

“Well, from the details in the *Globe* story, it sounded like it may have been an anti-gay attack.”

“We can’t comment on people’s sexual preference. I mean, they don’t want it all over the newspapers. And anyway, I can’t comment on any investigation in progress. You’ll have to call Informational Services.”

You see the problem. There is the legitimate claim to privacy of the victims of anti-gay violence, a claim which the police have to make some effort to protect. I have a policy in my reporting not to use names or other identifying information pertaining to lesbians or gay men unless I have permission to do so. Most of the time it’s not relevant anyway. For the journalistic intents and purposes of *GCN*, there’s usually no necessity to report something like, “John Doe was stabbed last night in the Fens,” when “A gay man was stabbed last night in the Fens” will do just as well. Why should *GCN*, of all newspapers, want to destroy the privacy rights of lesbians and gay men? But I find it ironic that the same cops who furnish the names, addresses, and places of employment of gay men arrested in undercover raids (remember — innocent until proven guilty) for front-page publication in the *Globe* or

the *Herald* become masters of the “No Comment” when I try to find the particulars — even schematic, anonymous particulars — concerning a homophobic assault.

What angers me even more than this double standard of confidentiality is the failure of the police to recognize the most obvious telltale signs of homophobia as a motivation for violent assault. Last summer I had to persist for several weeks before homicide detectives would consider the possibility that a late-night shooting in a known gay cruising area might have been a premeditated queerbashing. Detectives seemed reluctant to hear my reasoning and when pressed seemed resentful at my suggestion that anyone sitting in a parked car on Atlantic Avenue was probably out for more than a breath of fresh air, and that anyone who went there at that time with a gun in hand probably knew that, and probably intended to shoot a queer.

I’m not trying to encourage the police to jump to conclusions, but I do want them to stop looking at violence as a set of random acts committed by “young punks” and “bad boys.” There are patterns to the violence in this city, and it is important to note that the patterns of violence have some relation to other social patterns. Queers get beat up, not because they lead risky lives, but because there is a general assumption that queers are vulnerable, reluctant to fight back, and *deserve* to be beat up. And there’s rarely much punishment for beating up queers. Dan White, who was neither a young punk nor a bad boy but a cop and a city supervisor, got only five years in prison for murdering a gay fellow supervisor and the mayor of San Francisco. He’ll be out of jail, by the way, in July.

It’s been suggested to me that one thing I should ask for here is a formal mechanism, similar to that now used by the Boston Police Department’s Community Disorders Unit to monitor racial violence in the city. Police now have a formal investigative process to determine whether a given assault is a racial incident. Police statisticians keep a separate list of such incidents, and the addition of an incident to the list generally means that the incident will be given special investigative attention by the Community Disorders Unit. Why not have the police use a corresponding process to determine whether a given assault reflects homophobia? That way, we could prove to the police that anti-gay violence exists, that it falls into certain generally definable patterns, and that by recognizing anti-gay violence for what it is, police could better assist lesbian and gay victims of violence and learn ways to prevent such violence in the future.

I am opposed to this proposal on a number of grounds. First, if the Boston Police Department keeps a list of lesbians and gay men who are victims of anti-gay violence, it won’t be long before the department finds itself with one of the largest gay mailing lists in the city. I don’t trust the cops with a list of queers in Boston. Lesbian and gay victims of violence are reluctant enough as it is — and for very good reasons — to seek help from the police. I think the very existence of a special investigative process will discourage even more lesbians and gay men from going to the cops.

More important, I oppose this proposal because, as I said earlier, I think the problem is patently obvious, and I am frankly bewildered that I have to come here and explain it to you. The problem is not that lesbians and gay men lead unusual or risky lives and need special attention from the police — that’s blaming the victim. The problem is that people are getting beat up and people are getting murdered. Such violence exists because it is encouraged, condoned, or ignored in a city that has fostered bigotry and oppression based on racial differences, physical differences, class differences, political differences, and neighborhood differences.

I am insulted by the idea that I am being asked to prove that lesbians and gay men have been the victims of violence and will be again in the future. The burden of proof should be not on the victims, but on the aggressors, on the people who haven’t bothered to notice the violence, and on the people who haven’t raised their voices in objection.

We are not going to solve these problems by sitting here, in a closed hearing room at city hall, and talking to ourselves. We are not going to solve these problems with statistical analysis by a few appointed “experts” and “leaders.” We are not going to solve these problems with an election-year embellishment of the city bureaucracy. We can, however, make progress by confronting these problems collectively, in forums open to all. We can make progress by having the courage to state the obvious: that lesbians and gay men exist in significant numbers and are but one of the many communities of people in this city who are objects of systematic violence. We *already* know who we are and where we are, and the various forms our oppression takes. I have no doubt that we could further refine our perceptions with a study such as the Boston Project. But everyone in this room knows of several lesbian and gay workers in city hall who are afraid to come out. We all probably know of several teachers in the Boston public schools who are afraid to come out. Some of us know of Boston police officers who are afraid to come out. All these people work in environments of institutionalized homophobia which force them to remain in the closet.

You’ve all probably noticed that nearly everything I’ve said so far reflects a gross distrust of city government and the police department. Because of this distrust, which I want to emphasize is based on *experience*, I am *not* going to recommend hiring more city bureaucrats or more police officers; that would simply give us more of what we’ve got. I would guess, however, that a city government and a police force which supported lesbian and gay workers and constituents, which supported *all* the people of the city of Boston, would function somewhat differently than what we have today. I would like to see our efforts put toward recognizing the presence and increasing the visibility of lesbians and gay men in our schools, in our communities, and in the operation and future planning of a city that will benefit and respect the people who live in its neighborhoods.

“Speaking Out” is part of our continuing effort to provide a true forum of opinion for the community. We encourage you to send your ideas, feelings and comments to us and we encourage you to respond to any ideas expressed in this space. Submissions to “Speaking Out” should be TYPED and DOUBLE SPACED, and, if possible, held to under 5 pages in length. The opinions expressed in “Speaking Out” do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper, the staff or the advertisers. Write c/o Speaking Out, GCN, 167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111

Free Support Services for People Dealing with AIDS

Beginning Wednesday, May 25th at 7:30, a support group for lesbians and gay men dealing with life threatening diseases. Facilitated by Tom Welch, Omega Institute, 625-1920. Will meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, ongoing. At 270 Washington St., Somerville.

At the Lesbian and Gay Counseling Service, a lunchtime drop-in support group for people dealing with AIDS anxiety. Beginning Monday, May 25th, 12:00-1:00. Will meet every Monday, on-going. Contact Fraelean Curtis, 542-5188. 80 Boylston St., Rm. 855.

Volunteer!

The AIDS Action Committee is looking for volunteers for their soon-to-be installed hotline. To receive an application and notice of upcoming training session, call 536-4995.

GCN Wants to Be at Your Gay Pride Festivities. . .but we need your help! If you are interested in passing out 100, 200, or more copies of *GCN* at your Pride rally or parade, please contact us today. Urvashi c/o *GCN* 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111. 617-426-4469.

**BOSTON-AREA
GAY/LESBIAN
BUSINESS GUIDE****WOMEN**

NEW WORDS
186 Hampshire St.,
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617)876-5310

WOMENCRAFTS, INC.,
P.O. Box 190,
373 Commercial St.,
Provincetown, MA 02657

CINEMA

ART CINEMA
204 Tremont St.,
Boston, MA 02111
(617)482-4661

**SOUTH STATION
CINEMA**
23 South St., Boston,
MA (617)423-4340

INFORMATION/MEDIA

XANADU GRAPHICS
143 Albany St.,
Cambridge, MA 02139

MEDICAL/COUNSELING

TAPESTRY, Inc.
20 Sacramento St.,
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617)661-0248

**GAY AND LESBIAN
COUNSELING SERVICE**
80 Boylston St.#855,
Boston, MA 02111

**FENWAY COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER**
16 Haviland St.,
Boston, MA 02115
(617)267-7573

**JACK CEMPELLIN, M.S.
ASSOCIATED
COUNSELORS**
Salem & Copley Square
(617) 745-7029

**GENDER IDENTITY
SERVICE OF
NEW ENGLAND**
136 Causeway St.
Hudson, MA 01749
(617) 568-0680

CHIROPRACTORS

DR. EDWARD COHEN
Brookline Family
Chiropractic Office
1330 Beacon St.
Brookline, MA 02146
(617) 734-7744

DENTISTRY

**DR. RICHARD BANKHEAD
DR. PAUL GROIPEN**
1259 Hyde Park Ave.
Hyde Park, MA 02136
(617) 364-5500

**JOHN C. BARNA,
D.M.D.**
739 Boylston St.
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 353-1500

GYMS

**NEW ENGLAND
WOMEN'S GYM**
46 Waltham St.
South End, Boston, MA
(617)451-3514
and
1261 Cambridge St.
Inman Sq.,
Cambridge, MA
(as of April 1st)

This guide provides a listing
of gay/lesbian owned, staffed,
or supportive businesses and
services. To have your
business or service listed (for
only \$30.00 per year) call
426-4469.

WOMEN'S BARS

THE MARQUEE
512 Mass Ave
Cambridge, MA 02139
492-9545

SOMEWHERE/ELSE
295 Franklin St.
Boston 423-7730

TRAVEL

FOREX TRAVEL
76 Arlington St.
Boston Park Plaza
482-2900

ACCOMMODATIONS

OASIS GUEST HOUSE
22 Edgerly Rd.,
Boston, MA 02115
(617)267-2262

WATERSHIP INN
P.O.Box 918
7 Winthrop St.
Provincetown, MA 02657
(617) 487-0094

REAL ESTATE

**MARK THOMAS CO,
LTD**
Mark Zimmerman
Charles St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 227-2209

**RACHAEL REALTY CO.
INC.**
318 Harvard St. #31
The Arcade Building
Brookline, MA 02146
277-0230

**SUBSCRIBE
to
GCN**

TILE **CARPET**
J & D FLOORING CO.
SALES — INSTALLATIONS
LINOLEUM (617) 825-5340

CHASE MOVERS

- Reasonable Rates
- Reliable
- 2 men
- Evenings & Weekends
- (617) 923-1299

**CAREER
RESUME**

- \$15 and up, 24-hour service
- Tailored to highlight marketable skills & strengths
- Full service—Campaign package
- Saturday & Evening hours

CAREER RESUME
At Downtown Crossing
77 Summer St., Boston
423-5554

Dear Valiant/Dart owner,

Congratulations on owning the best Detroit ever built. But as you know, even the best needs care occasionally. At our garage we can do any mechanical or body work your car requires. We have most of the parts that tend to need replacement in stock.

We also repair and maintain other makes of American and foreign cars.

Come in (8am-6pm) or call for advice and an estimate.

J&S AUTOMOTIVE
277 Northampton St.
267-0300

Attention:

Classified Advertisers and those who aspire to be classified advertisers. The inevitable is upon us. Rates will ascend in Volume 11, Number 1, But between now and then, because we love you all dearly, there is a special twofer program engineered by our classified manager. See coupon at beginning of classified section.

**ARE YOU
READY FOR
AWESOME
PERFORMANCE?**



280-ZX
TURBO 2+2

**Decide on our new
Datsun 280-ZX Turbo.**
For the driver who wants performance plus, it's amazing. Pure road machine. Pure handling. Pure everything. And a new vocalized warning system that tells you "left door is open," "fuel level is low" and 3 more informative reminders. Buy or lease a new Datsun 280-ZX Turbo.

**See KEVIN
Newton Datsun**

Mass Pike
Exit 17E or 16W
(1180 Washington St.)

**DATSUN
WE ARE DRIVEN**

PRODUCT OF NISSAN

**FOREX
TRAVEL**

Phone 482-2900
76 Arlington St.
at Boston Park Plaza
Weekdays 9-6
Saturday 10-2:30

**ALL AIRLINES • AMTRAK • HOTELS •
LOWEST PRICES • NO SERVICE CHARGE**

**One Week WINDJAMMER
GAY Cruises**
From \$425.00 plus air

Bahamas _____ 5/31
West Indies _____ 8/30
Bahamas _____ 10/1
Virgins _____ 12/20

**AMSTERDAM ROUND
TRIP FROM \$418.00
LONDON ONE WAY
FROM \$179.50**

ROME from \$559.00
Round trip
MUNICH from \$284.50
One way
ATHENS from \$559.00
Round trip

**PARIS ROUND TRIP
FROM \$398.00**

SERVING THE BOSTON COMMUNITY SINCE 1964
ALL AIRLINES LOWEST PRICES NO SERVICE CHG.
Boston's Friendliest and Economy Minded Agency

FRIENDS & LOVERS, INC.

**A GAY • LESBIAN • BISEXUAL
DATING SERVICE**

Meet New Friends and/or Possible Lover

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE FOR A LOW FEE

DISCREET • CONFIDENTIAL • INDIVIDUALIZED

----- NON COMPUTERTIZED -----

For Application and Information:

Mail \$2. to: F & L Inc.
P.O. Box 292
North Andover, MA 01845

Lawrence 689-2166 Boston 739-2200 X 631

PRINTING

Typesetting • Copying

**Resumes
Flyers
Posters
Brochures
Invitations
Stationary**



Copy Cellar • Copy Cellar • Copy Cellar
55 Broad St., Boston (617) 542-8280

**XANADU
GRAPHICS**

- Phototypesetting
- Visual Display Terminals with floppy disk memory
- Layout and Design Service and Consultation
- Camera Ready Mechanical

143 Albany Street, Cambridge 661-6975

**little bear
& company**

"we work like women"

Women-owned/women-run
painting/ plastering
wallpaper stripping

666-2778

DIC

DAVID L. COLLINS, C.L.U.
Insurance for all your needs

45 Williams Street
Wellesley, Mass. 02181
235-8500

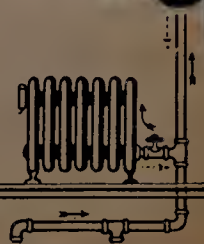
Orleans Shopping Plaza
E. Orleans, Mass. 02643
255-2600

Call Toll Free 1-800-352-3185

**Plumbing
& heating**

Robert
Dargon

825-7600



PARTNERS THE GAY DATING SERVICE

A DISCREET AND PERSONALIZED ALTERNATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHED GAY SCENE. IF YOU WISH TO MEET OTHER LIKE-MINDED GAY MEN AND LESBIAN SEND \$1.00 (POSTAGE AND HANDLING) FOR APPLICATION TO.

PARTNERS, DIV. OF RMI
SUITE 400, 437 BOYLSTON ST.
BOSTON, MA 02116

LESTER'S T.V. TV-Radio-Phones-Hifi-Color

Expert Repair & T.V. & Stereo at lowest prices ANYWHERE! Outside antenna installation a specialty. Mass. Tech. Lic. 981
Old fashioned service at an honest price!

Free Pickup and Delivery

15 REVERE ST., BEACON HILL
Boston Tel. 523-2187

You may not realize it, but GCN receives only a small percentage on newsstand sales. Of the 60¢ you pay, we get only 29¢; the distributor and newsstand get the rest. Because it costs GCN about 50¢ to produce each copy we lose 21¢ on each newsstand copy. Why do we sell on the stand? To attract more subscribers through increased visibility, and because many people can't risk receiving GCN in the mail. So, if you can subscribe, please do: it is your subscription dollars that support GCN most directly and enable us to bring you the news, each and every week.

Subscribe

To Gay Community News

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$62 Three years | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Twenty-five weeks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$43.50 Two years | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Twenty-five weeks (Low Income) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 one year | <input type="checkbox"/> \$8 Twelve weeks |

Add 30% for foreign

Amounts received in excess will be considered donations, thank you

name _____

address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

☐ New ☐ Renewal Please pay by check if possible

Mail with payment to:
167 Tremont St., 5th Fl.,
Boston, MA 02111

☐ I am donating \$_____ towards a free subscription for a prisoner

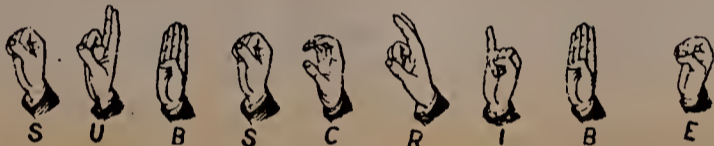
☐ This is a gift subscription. Please send giftcard.

Where did you hear about GCN _____

GCN is available on microfilm

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$22 volume (indiv.) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$28 (inst.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$160 complete set of vols. 1-7 | |

All subscriptions are sent in sealed, plain envelopes. Make check or money order payable to "GCN". Do NOT send cash through the mail. Our subscriber list is confidential, and is never sold or used except for mailing GCN.



THE GAY GUY'S GUIDE NO. STATION CINEMA 2 • 227-0513



DIRECT FROM NEW YORK

NEW YORK MEN
AND
LIGHTNING ROD
AND
CHANT D'AMOUR

X

Boston's Best All Male Show!

THE FINEST X-RATED ALL MALE MOVIES, NOW IN BOTH CINEMAS 1 & 2

ART 1-2 204 tremont st.
482-4661

NEW SHOW WEEKLY DIRECT FROM SAN FRANCISCO
CONTINUOUS FROM 10 A.M.

1

PEER GROUPS
FEARLESS TARZAN

2

TOUGH GUYS
NIGHT AT HELSTED'S

New T.V. Lounge Featuring Best in Gay Video Plus Special Sports



COTTAGES FOR RENT

near Lewiston, Maine

- On Trip Lake
- Swimming, boating, fishing
- Sandy beach
- complete kitchen unit
- 1 bdrm — \$180/week
- 2 bdrm — \$225/week
- Call Rendezvous (207) 998-2168

Patronize Our Advertisers

A NIGHT OUT WITH THE BOYS



At the YWCA Studio Theater
140 Clarendon St., Boston

8:00 P.M.

May 26, 27, 28

June 2, 3, 4

9, 10, 11

16, 17, 18

Tickets \$6.00
Students/Seniors \$5.00
Box Office 482-0897

Presented by

TRIANGLE THEATER COMPANY

WE'RE COMING TO NEW ENGLAND

It's taken years of research, money and the effort of many dedicated individuals. Now we're ready to launch the most exciting and informative new service the Gay Community has ever known! Our National Informant researchers are scouring the country for every bar, every business, any information in our computers. Till:

We commence toll free phone lines, in order to provide you with answers to any questions on places you wish to visit. Our service is ideal for the traveler who seeks any of the above places in unfamiliar cities throughout the USA!

NATIONAL INFORMANT

The Total Information Service
Coast To Coast

Call Toll-Free 1-800-252-2532

PO Box 5923,
Providence, R.I.
02903

It's good business to put your business in our listings. Call us for more information on how to double your advertising and spread the word among thousands of potential customers!

Our mobile research units are on the road rating and updating information on bars, hotels, baths, businesses and other services. In the meantime there are employment opportunities: telemarketing, sales, promotional and other personnel. Call us today... Toll free — 1-800-252-2532.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

IRELAND: Gays Against Imperialism An Interview With N

By John H



Protest at Belgian Embassy, Dublin

Eamonn O'Dwyer

Ireland was one of England's earliest colonies — and certainly one of the most difficult that it ever tried to digest. Although first claimed during an invasion in 1169, Ireland remained largely independent over the ensuing four centuries, until Queen Elizabeth was faced with the necessity of consolidating her power during the English Reformation. Ireland was the most vulnerable place for enemies like Spain and the Pope to strike at her insecure throne — aided by agents of the Counter-Reformation, whose preaching of the duty of Catholics to revolt against this heretic foreign crown found an eager audience.

After finally crushing a series of rebellions in 1601, the English conquerors decided to deal with the hostile native population by trying to uproot them, much as it was beginning to do in the New World, and replace them with Protestants. This strategy was most successful in the northern counties of Ulster, where in typically imperialist fashion it used the somewhat less oppressed Protestants who were dissenters against the Church of England, Scottish Presbyterians, to do its dirty work. Further rebellions during the time of Oliver Cromwell and his successors led to even harsher measures, disenfranchising Catholics and depriving them of their property.

English despotism resulted in widespread misery for members of both religious blocs. Renewed rebellion with the arrival of the ideas of the French Revolution led to the passage of a few grudging reforms that made little difference when the peasantry, largely subsisting on a single crop, was hit by the Potato Famine during the 1840's. At least a million people died and a million more emigrated, the majority of them to the United States, where they formed a firm base of support for the nationalist struggle that finally culminated in the 1916 Easter Rising and the emergence of a truncated Irish nation in 1922.

Something like a local version of the Ku Klux Klan, a resurgent Orange Order arose in the late nineteenth century as a reaction to the nationalism, exemplifying the Calvinist spirit at its vilest and most vindictive. This movement thundered against "popish" designs and reduced the issue to one of religious sectarianism, even though the nationalists had championed a vision of an Ireland undivided by such a schism. When the 1919-21 war for independence finally erupted, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) had the sympathy of the majority of the people, and the counterinsurgency terrorism of the English — such as collective reprisals against the population — horrified world opinion. In the end, England recognized Ireland's independence but retained control over most of Ulster, including areas near the border with Catholic majorities.

Thus the Partition set the stage for events that were to take place in our own time. The intervening half century saw IRA campaigns in each decade — and repression. Pressure from the Catholic Church in the new nation forced massive morality legislation forbidding divorce, abortion and contraception, and forcing authors like James Joyce and William Beckett into exile by banning books.

The sizable Catholic minority in Northern Ireland — 40% — suffered extreme discrimination in employment and housing, as well as vigilante justice by groups like the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC). A Civil Rights movement arose in the 1960's, and the election of Bernadette Devlin [McAliskey] to the British Parliament in 1968 marked the transformation of the struggle into the consciousness of the rest of the world. The following year repeated Protestant attacks against Catholics led to the introduction of British troops, which quickly demonstrated their true colors by siding with the Protestant establishment of the Six Counties and repressing peaceful demonstrations — even gunning them down, as they did on "Bloody Sunday" in January, 1972.

Anti-gay legislation is one legacy of colonialism that, until recently, was shared by the Republic and by the North alike. Parliament in London had first imposed the Offenses Against the Person Act of 1861 to outlaw sodomy in this colony, then a subsequent act to forbid "gross indecency between males" in

1885, at a time when it was passing similar legislation at home. After Partition these laws remained on the books in both parts of the country and became the foci of organizing by the gay movements that emerged in Belfast and in Dublin a decade ago.

Last October the British Parliament voted to repeal these laws in Northern Ireland, culminating a long struggle by the Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association. NIGRA had launched its campaign in the mid-1970's, after a police witchhunt against the newly-formed organization had resulted in interrogation of members, raids on their homes and threats of prosecution. After an unsuccessful attempt to change the law in Parliament, NIGRA appealed to the European Court of Human Rights, which ruled in 1981 that the laws were an unjustified invasion of people's private lives. Opposition to the change produced an unusual alliance between Protestant demagogue Rev. Ian Paisley, a man close to many members of the U.S. New Right, and Catholic Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich.

The Irish Republic thus remains the last country in Western Europe that still outlaws male homosexual behavior. Activists of the National Gay Federation's Campaign for Homosexual Law Reform are attempting to get the Supreme Court in Dublin to strike down these laws. If they are upheld, however, the group also plans to appeal to the European Court, whose judgments are binding upon member nations.

In addition to its law reform arm, the National Gay Federation operates the Hirschfield [community] Centre, which includes a disco and a theatre, and publishes a monthly magazine *In Touch*. An older group out of which the Federation emerged, the Irish Gay Rights Movement, also has a disco in Dublin, as well as a switchboard. The three organizations serve a nation of five million people, 3,500,000 of whom live in the Republic and two million of those who live in metropolitan Dublin.

One major problem is that the ongoing nationalist struggle and the gay organizations are virtually mutually exclusive, each having little relation to the other — indeed the two often exhibit mutual antagonism. Gays Against Imperialism was founded as an attempt to bridge that gap. It is also unusual among gay groups in that it consists of members from both parts of that divided country. Recently, John Kyper interviewed Máirtín MacAn Ghoill, one of GAI's founders, for GCN. Also participating in the interview was Pat Brown of Berkeley, California.

John: Could you tell us about Gays Against Imperialism?

Máirtín: We're a small group — about eight members in Dublin, three in Belfast, six in Derry and scattered individuals in smaller places around Ireland. We started out as a group of gay people organized to support the demands of the political prisoners in Long Kesh concentration camp, who were on hunger strike in that period.

J: This was in the spring of 1981?

M: Yeah. The hunger strike started on March first when Bobby Sands went on hunger strike, and shortly after he was followed by a number of others, until the total came to ten people who eventually died on hunger strike.

We originally called ourselves Lesbians and Gays Against H-Block/Armagh Action Group. Armagh is the prison where women political prisoners are held in the occupied part of Ireland. H-Block is another name for Long Kesh. It's about ten miles outside of Belfast. In total there are about 5000 political prisoners being held in the Six Counties. At the start of what the British call "The Troubles" — the insurrection against English rule in the '60s — there were less than 500 prisoners total in the entire prison system.

J: So your group was organized as a gay support group against what was going on in Long Kesh?

M: Yeah. We originally set up with the idea of bringing the struggle of the political prisoners into the gay movement and to seek the support of gay people for the prisoners. What the British were doing to the prisoners in the North seemed to us exactly the same as what the Nazis had done to gay people, among others. We wanted to bring that realization to gay people, that they should oppose that — especially since it was going on in our own country and to Irish people.

The group got quite a hostile reception from gay people. The gay movement in Ireland is very isolated and alienated from the larger struggle for national liberation.

J: Would you say it's bourgeois?

M: Very definitely its leadership is bourgeois, and their ideas for gay liberation are bourgeois: They're reformist, they're for having gay people tolerated in Irish society, rather than being accepted as full members of society with a contribution.

The gay movement in Ireland is split: The section in the Republic is more bourgeois nationalist; it sees the struggle for gay rights in terms of the island of Ireland. The section in the North definitely sees that the occupation of Ireland has brought benefits, bourgeois benefits: the more liberal, tolerant attitude that the British appear to have about gay people. They see that as a benefit of Imperialism, something that couldn't have been gained from an Irish national government. They address all of their demands to the British government, rather than saying that the British government has no right to make any laws, whether they're anti-gay or anything, in our country. One of the groups in the South, the National Gay Federation, also has that perspective, that there are two countries in Ireland; and whatever gay people in the North do to get gay rights has nothing to do with the struggle in the South.

J: How broad is the movement in Ireland and how much influence has it had on the society, both in the North and in the Republic?

M: I'm not really sure about memberships. There's probably 10-15,000 people who are members of one of the three organizations. They have branches in all of the main towns, and the Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association has branches in several of the larger towns in the North.

I think that the influence that the organizations have had is very, very little. To some extent it's their own fault: They've isolated themselves from other struggles that are going on, like student struggles and youth struggles and workers' struggles.

Up until very recently — and [this change was] one of the results of the pressure that we've put on them — they would not have gone to trade unions to ask them to pass resolutions, and to debate gay rights and gay oppression in their branches. They wouldn't have seen that as important, even though the trade union movement is one of the more important organizations in Ireland and quite powerful. Up until very recently, the gay movement — even though it has working class people within it — defined gayness as something which spread over all classes, is not specific to any one class — and therefore you don't have to pick a side in the class war. The leadership is very anti-working class, elitist.

Mairtin explained how his political activism had developed during his five-year affiliation with *People's Democracy*, a Trotskyist group initially founded in 1969 by Bernadette Devlin and Michael Farrell. Although PD had done much early work in helping to transform popular consciousness of the national struggle "from a hardcore Republican issue to a mass issue," he said, by the time of the hunger strikes it had lost much of its early dynamism. In the meantime he had come out, and he began to feel he was being used as the group's "token gay."

Pat: Did you leave over gay issues?

M: Personal issues, not just gay issues — the whole way how people live their everyday lives. They wouldn't consider it very political; they would make a separation between people's everyday lives and how they coped with oppression in general. They wouldn't see that as particularly important an important area of struggle.

J: So out of this work you went on to form Gays Against Imperialism? How did it develop?

M: Originally, it was all politicals who were involved, people who were involved in political organizations. But it broadened out, and now it's predominately people who are in no political organization, who are disaffected with the political organizations that exist.

J: People who are disaffected both from the straight Leftist groups and from mainline gay groups?

M: Yeah, we draw from both. About 50 percent of the organization are women, and they are pretty disaffected — certainly disaffected with the gay movements, which are very misogynist. Disaffected to some extent with the women's movement, that it wasn't taking up the issue of gay rights and lesbianism seriously.

J: As well as with the straight Left?

M: Yeah. They had a lot more sense than us and gave up on the straight Left a long time ago.

J: What actions have you done?

alism airtin MacAn Ghoill

M: Our political work was participating in various demonstrations with a banner. We intervened at anti-imperialist marches, marches in support of the prisoners, marches for El Salvador. There was a Belgian lesbian who had been fired from her job as a teacher after she came out on national T.V., and there were demonstrations outside the Belgian embassy in Dublin in support of that woman. Our main activity has been attending demonstrations and being visible.

We organized a committee to do defense work after a gay man had been murdered in Dublin's city centre, in early 1981. The police used his murder as an excuse to investigate, to build files on gay men. We said that we shouldn't cooperate with them on that basis. If they were serious about finding the murderer, then we would cooperate with them — but under no other circumstances. We shouldn't snitch on other gay people and give them names and addresses and workplaces, which they'd been demanding from gay people they'd interviewed and intimidated.

J: Were you working with the other gay groups in Dublin on this action?

M: We aimed ourselves at the grass roots membership. The leadership was advising people to cooperate entirely with the police and tell the police anything they wanted to know. The two national organizations were saying that we had nothing to fear from the police — they were our friends and would protect us from queer-bashing. But we had to play a part by cooperating, telling them who we had slept with.

The original idea behind Gays Against Imperialism was that we would try to bridge the gap between the national liberation struggle and the struggle for gay liberation. We wanted to bring the gay liberation movement the consciousness that there were other struggles of the Irish people to free themselves from British occupation and oppression. We said that the gay movement couldn't stand back from that or say that it was neutral. For us, getting gay rights was conditional on getting control of our own country and getting control of our own bodies: They were interlocked. We couldn't see how you could divorce the two things, how you could have control of your body but not have control of your country and its resources. You can't say you're free if the rest of the society isn't free outside your locked bedroom.

J: How would you describe the current national situation, briefly? You consider the Republic to be a colony, too?

M: The South is generally considered a neo-colony. It is formally independent, but the reality is that Britain is able to control the government of Ireland and "suggest" anti-terrorist laws, which the South inevitably goes along with. The North is actually occupied by Britain, physically occupied. There are 12,000 British troops and another 15,000 Royal Ulster Constabulary personnel, the armed militia.

J: Could you describe what it was like to grow up in Dublin, gay and Catholic, in the 1960's?

M: I don't think I'm any different from other gay people. I come from a large family: eight children, two parents — and practically throughout my entire childhood there was at least one grandparent living in the house, too.

J: What class were you?

M: My father was a carpenter. We were poor, I guess working class. I don't think we ever thought about being working class — we were just poor, that's all we thought about.

My first sexual experience was at fifteen. Those were years of intense frustration: For the first several years all of my sexual experience was in toilets ["cottaging"], and often I could not approach people. It was very exciting at the same time. I felt very, very alienated from religion. I was always very conscious that the Church was saying this was very, very dirty. I went to Mass and Confession, but I was very conscious that my body was my own and wasn't dirty. I came to the conclusion that either I was wrong or the Church was wrong — and I stopped going to Mass, which I guess was a political development, even if I didn't see it as that then.

J: Like the laws forbidding gay male sexual activity, banning books is part of the moral repression that continues to this day?

M: Yeah — well, they don't do it very seriously. It's almost impossible to stop books coming into the country now. People can just drive up the road 2½ hours to Belfast and get the books. They don't make any serious attempt unless it contains information on abortion — or up until contraception was legal, if it contained information about contraception that could be banned, too. Recently they've begun confiscating copies of Gay News, a British newspaper which Irish people can get on subscription — it's not sold on any newsstand in Ireland, as far as I know. The government has been opening people's mail and confiscating their subscription copies of Gay News.

J: What is the reason they give for that?

M: That it's lewd and indecent and immoral, that it's going to — the phrase is — "outrage public morals."

J: Has there been any gay campaign to challenge that decision?

M: That happened just as I left Ireland to go to the States [last

September]. I'm not sure what happened. I know there were meetings. The previous year *Spare Rib*, a feminist monthly [from London], had been banned, too; and there were attempts to link up with feminists to work around the censorship of magazines coming in from Britain.

J: Could you describe gay life in Ireland?

M: Dublin, in all senses, is a huge metropolis in a fairly sparsely populated country. Most things happen in Dublin. There's very little of anything, much less gay life, in rural areas. They're very dead, and that's getting even worse as more and more people flee to the cities. Dublin has about fifteen gay bars and two gay community centres, one for either of the two main gay organizations. (They're also geographically different, one for either side of the river which divides Dublin.) There's nothing like physical ghettos in Dublin, where they live and work and socialize. The gay pubs are scattered throughout Dublin. The gay ghetto is strictly in your head.

J: Are there cruising areas, like parks?

M: Yeah, there's a number. The main cruising area is along the keys [wharves] of the River Liffey, where there's quite an extensive dockland area. Outside of that area are the toilets. Then there is an area called the Forty Foot Baths, in a small town about eight miles down the coast from Dublin's city centre. It's an open swimming area, a beach which traditionally has nude swimming and is also traditionally male. It's very homoerotic, a remnant of an older period when there weren't bars and it was the only place where people could get together.

J: So it's a very cruisy area?

M: It is. But it's also very dangerous: There are a lot of queer bashings, a lot of attacks on gay men.

J: One thing I discovered while living in Mexico is how much commercialized gay life is oriented in the direction of the styles that come from the United States. How much of an effect has such cultural imperialism had upon gay life in Ireland — either from the United States or from Great Britain?

M: It's had a very big impact. The leadership of the gay movement is upwardly mobile and can spend many weekends of the year in London, being part of the gay scene in London, too, and bringing back all of the lifestyle to Ireland. A lot of people, particularly women, are rebelling against those styles that are being imported, because they don't serve the needs of anybody in Ireland: disco shit — which is male, which is loud and macho — that whole thing that you're worth being defined how "pretty" or "beautiful" you are, which is another element of cultural imperialism which has been imported.

There is a lot of rebellion, and I'm proud to say GAI had something to do in criticizing that, saying to people — this music, the lifestyles people have — the commercial scene is completely dominated by that, there's nothing else. If you want to go to a gay dance, you're subjected to that sort of music, that sort of lifestyle. We've been saying, and there have been other people who have been saying: That doesn't serve our needs in any way — and it certainly doesn't serve the needs of women. Lesbians are completely excluded.

J: Has there been much problem of repression from the police?

M: Police repression has been, up until recently, a fairly minor part of the overall oppression of gay people. The physical attacks have come from people who were just queer-bashers, Rightists, anti-gay. The media has been the main thrust of the anti-gay propaganda far more than the police. But recently the police have taken a far bigger interest in the gay movement and who's involved in it, particularly the secret police. I mentioned before the murder of the gay man in Dublin, which the police used as an excuse to build files. Undoubtedly, a lot of that is going to be used for blackmail purposes and for keeping people in line, people who are high up in the civil service or high up in the government.

J: What are the secret police?

M: They're the political police. They're organized to keep track of the political movements and the people involved in them. They are *armed*, which the ordinary police are not. They're armed with Israeli Uzi submachineguns, which they have used on occasion. They're a sort of shock troop for the regular police, they beat up people. They have no fear of anybody, including the government. They've wiretapped the government — the Prime Minister himself had a tap on his phone. [Massive unemployment and the situation in the North have led to great political instability in the Republic during the last couple of years, with three elections in eighteen months and one government following another in revolving-door fashion.]

J: You mentioned you had been arrested once where the political police invaded your home. Could you talk about that?

M: I've actually been arrested on five separate occasions.

J: As a gay liberationist?

M: No. As a political activist. I had originally been a member of the national H-Block/Armagh Committee. There was one occasion when I was arrested when I was cruising; I suspect it was because the secret policeman recognized that I was gay, and he himself was gay and was afraid that I was going to blackmail him.

The other times it was purely because I was politically involved. The last time they came to our house [in Dublin] at seven o'clock in the morning. They had machineguns, they just invaded the house. They were extremely abusive.

J: Homophobic?

M: Yeah. When we were at the police station they were very anti-gay to my lover, who had never been arrested before — and I suppose they thought they could frighten him out of political activity.

J: Was it just the two of you who were arrested in that incident?

M: Yeah, but they were very, very abusive to the other people in the house. There were several women living in our house, and they were very abusive about them being women. They were very, very macho and heavy, wielding their sub-machineguns under our noses. Plus, they were waving their machineguns around in the street. As well as frighten us, I think it was meant to frighten the people who live on the same street, to try and isolate us more.

That's a very frequent occurrence in Ireland, in the South. If

Continued on page 11



Dublin H Block March

Clodagh Boyd

GCN: The First Ten Years

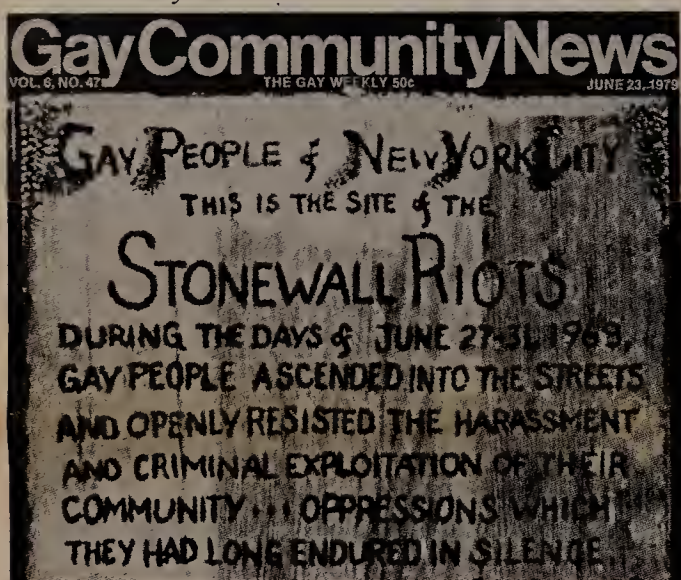
Volume 6 1978-1979

Summary of Volume 6 by Jill Clark and Mike Riegle.

"I have a definite feeling that homosexuals as a class are doomed to die out because they don't reproduce their own kind." — the first **QUOTE OF THE WEEK** in Volume 6, courtesy of Vermont State Senator Melvin Mandingo.

Resistance to anti-gay initiatives and uphill battles for anti-discrimination ordinances filled the pages of the first half of Volume 6. The Briggs' Initiative would have prohibited the hiring and required the firing of California public school workers for advocating, soliciting, encouraging or promoting homosexual acts in a manner likely to come to the attention of other employees or students. Seattle's Initiative 13 would have deleted "sexual orientation" from the existing Fair Employment and Open Housing ordinances.

Analysis of these attacks abounded in the news pages and frequently spilled over onto the letters and features pages. Number 14 contained: **A REPORT: PROPOSITION 6 AND BOSTON; CALIFORNIA IS NOT FAR AWAY**, which stated The New Right is manipulating people's response to a genuine crisis in the economy. *A Speaking Out* in the same issue began: What do Ronald Reagan, Leonard Matlovich and Lily Tomlin all have in common? They all oppose the passage of the anti-gay Briggs' Initiative in California. *Victory in California and Seattle were reported in Number 17, along with the second defeat of a "full-equality" ordinance in Dade County.*



District Attorney Garrett Byrne's highly publicized "Revere sex ring" and related events, filled many of the pages of Volume 6. In the first issue of the volume, Superior Court Chief Justice Robert Bonin was charged with misconduct in office for having attended a \$5-per-person fundraiser for the Boston/Boise Committee, considered by the Supreme Judicial Court to be a defense committee for the two dozen men indicted in the Revere cases. In Number 24, John Mitzel provided GCN readers with a witty and insightful report on the four-week-long trial of psychiatrist Donald Allen, who was found guilty of four counts of blowing a 15-year-old male hustler and sentenced to five years probation. Mitzel lambasted defense attorney Lawrence O'Donnell for his defense strategy, based on convincing the jury that Allen was researching male prostitution. Mitzel quoted O'Donnell's closing argument:

"Dr. Allen is not a degenerate! He's a Daddy! There they are (his children). They are his best defense! He is the only one in this case that can show the world: I AM A HETEROSEXUAL! I'VE RAISED CHILDREN!"

In response to these events, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders was formed in November, 1978 (Number 15).

Incidents of queer bashing in Boston's Back Bay, Fens and Public Gardens were reported almost every issue in the first third of Volume 6. Boston cops made the news as the perpetrators of anti-gay violence, too. The following appeared in Number 1:

THREE BOSTON POLICE OFFICERS PUT ON TRIAL FOR BEATINGS —

Larry Brown, who was 17 years old and in drag at the time of the incident... described how one of the men (a cop) threw him to the ground and proceeded to kick him in the head and back and finally in the groin, shouting, "This is for Anita Bryant!"

Meanwhile, marches were held to protest the movie *Cruising* (Number 31). The GCN offices were broken into and vandalized for the fifth time in a year (Number 8). Number 20, December 9, 1978 reported the murders of Harvey Milk and George Moscone, as well as a Boston protest, by Women Against Violence Against Women, against the depiction of rape, torture or beating of women on album covers of records distributed by Warner/Elektra/Atlanta.

The racism of white lesbians and gay men was addressed in the letters pages of Volume 6. The formation of the Task Force on Racism, charged with "monitoring attitudes as well as incidents within our community," was announced by Leonard Pate, a black GCN collective member, in Number 16. Persons with complaints, information or suggestions were asked to call GCN. Also in that issue, activist Tom Reeves called Boston gaylife... a class phenomenon, very much identified with upwardly striving middle class profes-

sionals. We need to realize where we are welcome and who our friends are. It's the Black Caucus, not the Irish or Polish Federations, which always support gay causes. It's Mel King who comes out on issues like the library (lavatory entrapment) and even the Revere cases, certainly not the lukewarm white liberals.

For the next month, the letters pages were filled with reactions — pro and con — to Reeves' criticisms.

Very few articles focusing on lesbians and gays of color appeared in Volume 6. Among the handful was a piece in Number 16 about Senator Ed Brooke, a leader in the fight for reproductive rights and the ERA in the Senate and a consistent supporter of lesbian and gay rights. A review of 'The Many Voices of Black Women,' a major musical event in Boston that year, appeared in the next issue.

The Equal Rights Amendment made front page headlines in Numbers 6 and 13, when the U.S. House and Senate voted to extend the ratification deadline. In Number 20, Cindy Stein (aka Cindy Rizzo) wrote a *Speaking Out* entitled, "Why gay people should support the ERA," arguing:

Anti-ERA people say that the amendment will allow gays to marry, teach and have other freedoms while pro-ERA people, including many prominent feminists, go around playing down the effect the ERA will have on gay rights... We have got to educate pro-ERA forces that their energy belongs in fighting the homophobia which spreads the fear (of gay rights), not in legitimizing the fear by saying it will not be realized.

Perhaps the most talked about person in Volume 6 is Anita Bryant. It was ol' Anita — not her husband Bob Green or the other rich white men who raked in the profits from the hate campaign — who symbolized the New Right to most lesbians and gay men. The misogynist aspect of this focus on Bryant was evident to few GCN readers, if the letters page is any indication. One reader, however, did say: Our enemy is as much Howard Phillips (then candidate for the Democratic Senatorial nomination) as it is Anita Bryant... The New Right is here... Let us not burn ourselves out on mere hatred for Anita.

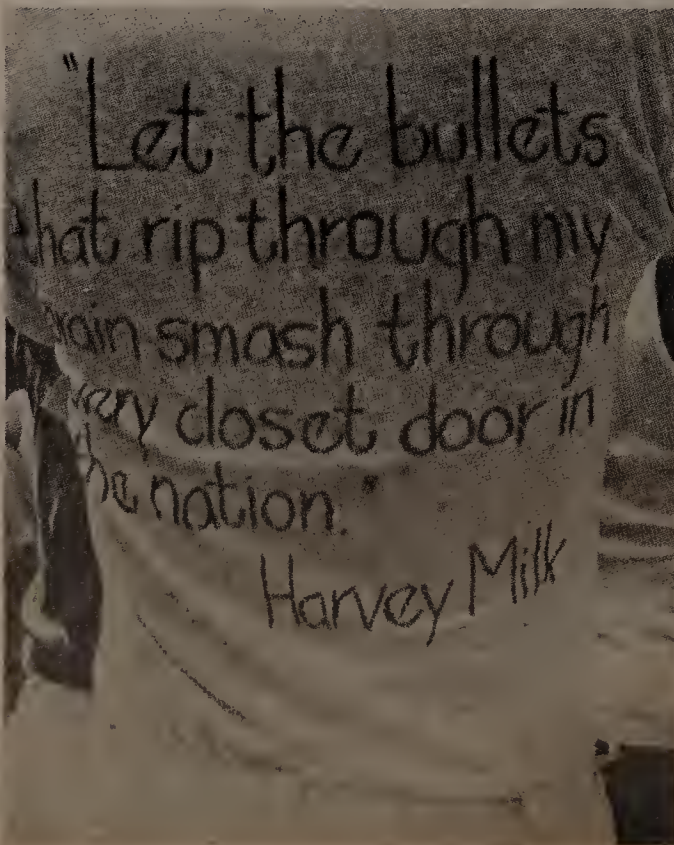
When Bryant scheduled a visit to Boston to do a fundraiser for Phillips a coalition was formed to protest her appearance. Her concert was canceled, allegedly because of "threats of violence from militant homosexuals," but in reality because of low ticket sales.

And in September, 1978, Jill Clark (soon to become Jill Clark) joined the paid staff, never expecting to fall in love with GCN and stay forever.

The level of seriousness of the Dan White trial for the murder of gay City Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone was set at the arraignment when White justified his actions by saying that Milk had "smirked" at him when Moscone refused to reappoint White to the seat he had resigned. White was later found guilty of voluntary manslaughter (3-8 years) because, said the jury foreman, the killing was done out of passion that was aroused given the stress he was under. (Number 27). In the riot that followed the trial, 14 police cars were set aflame and "No Apologies" became the slogan of the day (Number 44).

Another twinkie trial ("diminished capacity" on the part of the prosecution), this time in Canada, found the Body Politic charged with obscenity and acquitted (Number 30). The Crown decided (Number 34) to try again, since Canadian law allows as many trials as the state wants (until they get a jury that sees their way).

The discussions for the March on Washington (Number 28) brought out many of the differences (and indifferences) among gay people. Some thought the time wasn't right



Gay Community News was founded in 1973 by an ad hoc group of gay activists who were then meeting at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. This newsletter met a critical need in Boston's fledgling gay movement: communication between groups. When we could not talk together, did not know who was out there, we could not become an effective social and political force.

Many things have changed in the last ten years — at GCN, in the lesbian and gay community, and in the world at large. GCN has striven to stay abreast of those changes, and has often worked to make them happen. In this ten part series, we want to share some of the history of GCN, its role in Boston, and its relationship to the lesbian and gay movement in this country.

EDITORIAL



SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE GCN STAFF

because there was no gay legislation pending in Congress; others thought the march should be educational rather than political. Some even thought we should march for ourselves and have some fun being together! Once again issues got intertwined as the NGTF came under fire for its indifference to the march and for its tendency to speak as if it were representative of all lesbians and gay men, when some were accusing it of being part of the attempt to turn the gay liberation movement into an elitist gay rights lobbying effort (Numbers 34, 36 & 38).



GCN's growing commitment to lesbians and gay men behind bars was expressed in numerous news and features articles as well as *Community Voices*, both from the prisoners and from their keepers. Issue 41 has a typical blame-the-victim letter from a prison keeper arguing that "materials like GCN that support homosexuality are considered detrimental to the safety, security, and good order of the institution." The idea that prisoners shouldn't have GCN because they might be attacked sounds astonishingly like the one that women shouldn't be out on the streets at night because that's just asking for trouble.

The features pages, difficult to handle in summary form and thus woefully under-represented here, were highlighted by a *Stonewall 10th Anniversary Supplement* put together by editor Amy Hoffman.

Mel Horne, a former GCN staff member, gave a wonderful "history" of changing fashions beginning with his own 17-year-old virginal cruising wardrobe in 1959, moving on to what was being worn in 1969 when Judy Garland died, an event which completely overshadowed the Stonewall events at the time, and finishing with his 1979 imaginary GCN interview with Teufelsdröckh, the philosopher of clothes.

Charley Shively, always shining in his role as both pro-

(Continued on page 12)

Gays Against Imperialism

Continued from page 9

you get involved politically, at some stage you're going to be arrested, you're going to be interrogated and you're going to be threatened. If you're lucky enough to have a job, they will usually go and tell your employer what a threat you are, that someday you're going to kill him or kidnap him because you're a terrorist or a sympathizer with terrorists. Large numbers of people have been losing their jobs because of that, especially where the employer is English.

J: Let's talk about gay life elsewhere in Ireland, particularly in Belfast.

M: In Belfast there's a gay centre; just recently in the last two years a gay centre got together, a place where there's a regular disco, and political work comes out of there. It's obviously much more difficult to be openly gay in Belfast. The death squads are rabidly homophobic.

J: Death squads, by the English occupation troops?

M: The local collaborators.

J: The Royal Ulster Constabulary?

M: Yeah. There's a dual membership, just like any place where there's mass repression. During the day they wear their police uniform, and at night they wear their death squad uniform but use all the information they've gathered during the day in their official capacity to attack people. The death squads are primarily locally-based; their membership is local, in the Six Counties. To be stopped by the British Army is frightening, but being stopped by the Ulster Defence Regiment or the Royal Ulster Constabulary is a whole other trip. Several years ago the UDR stopped a van carrying members of the Miami Show Band, a popular (and apolitical) rural band, and murdered three of its members. They were going to kill the rest of them, but their bomb went off prematurely and killed two UDC members.

J: Since we're almost at the end of our tape, is there anything you want to add?

M: I think Gays Against Imperialism has had an impact on the gay movement which is far greater than our numbers would indicate. We've raised a lot of questions to the gay leadership, which gays had been asking and had been demanding answers to.

But because individual gays hadn't been organized before outside of the three gay groups, there was no forum for people to group around those ideas. We provided that sort of forum. We got pamphlets and we held open meetings, which were democratic and let a lot of people say what they felt for the first time. We gave people a platform for a fightback within the gay movement for a reorientation towards a movement that would be an instrument of liberation rather than an instrument of reform.

Shortly after this interview was conducted, a gay man was murdered in early March, while cruising in a Dublin park. They judge, who declared that he couldn't consider the killing of a gay to be murder, gave the three killers suspended sentences. On Saturday March 9th, an angry gay demonstration drew 700 people. Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, attended with two banners.

**Have a Question?
BOSTON LESBIAN AND
GAY HOTLINE
6pm-Midnight, Mon-Fri
(617) 426-9371**

ACTIVE, SHORT-TERM THERAPY FOR RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

Serving the community since 1976.

We develop an individual program of therapy, explain it to you in detail, and then encourage you to evaluate your own progress toward specific goals.

Our licensed staff consists of psychologists, social workers, and psychiatrists. For information call **262-9116**.

Information-Evaluation-Referral Service
Insurance accepted.



45 Newbury Street, Boston
Near the Arlington Street MBTA

Specializing in short-term, problem-focused therapy

Having difficulty coming out?

Maybe you want to change things but don't know how. CHANGE is what **Social Therapy** is about.

Social Therapy is a progressive approach to coming out in a homophobic society.

**The Boston Institute for
Social Therapy and Research**

sliding scale 524-7710

Announcing...
**A reading & celebration
for**

**A NEW APPROACH
TO
WOMEN & THERAPY**

Author: Miriam Greenspan

Sunday May 22, 1983 2-5 p.m.
New Words Bookstore
186 Hampshire St.,
Cambridge, Mass

LAWRENCE D. FARRELL LICENSED THERAPIST

Individual and
Relationship Issues
Special Interest and
Experience
Working With
Black Men and Women

**482-0557 By Appointment
Insurance Accepted**

GAY MALE THERAPIST

Individual & Couples
Psychotherapy

Sliding Fee
Insurance Accepted

**Charles F. Hannagan, M.A.
262-4194**

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Scott E. Borrelli

Individual Psychotherapy Couples Counseling
Stress/Anxiety Reduction Relief from Depression
Health Insurance Accepted

(617) 246-3275

**2 Park Square, Boston, MA
339 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA**



542-5188

**Gay & Lesbian Counseling
Services**

*Formerly the Homophile Community Health Service
A licensed mental health clinic serving gay men
and lesbian women since 1971*

80 Boylston St.,
Suite 855,
Boston, MA 02116

PSYCHOLOGY OF THE IMPLICATE

Transformation Through
NEW PARADIGM
THEOLOGY AS
THERAPY

MARION B. CASE, PH.D.
BOSTON + HUDSON

PRIVATE INSURANCE
ACCEPTED
(617) 568-0680

HEALTH TIP

WHEN TROUBLED AND
UPSET ASK YOURSELF
"WHAT WILL SERVE ME
BEST?"

JACK CEMPELLIN, MS
Licensed Therapist

745-7029

Salem + Boston Offices
INSURANCE ACCEPTED



WOMEN'S RUGBY

New England's at Newport
Boston 14, Concord Blk Roses 0
Boston 8, Portland 0
Portland 18, Concord Blk Roses 0

Beantown 44, Hartford Wild Roses 0
Beantown 8, Valley Women 4
Hartford W.R. 9, Valley Women 0

Finals
Beantown 30, Boston 0

Other Scores
Amherst A's 4, Williams A's 0
Amherst B's 7, Williams B's 4
Bowdoin 16, Bates 0
Valley Women 28, R.I. 4

DIABETIC DELIBERATIONS

DIABETIC COUNSELING BY A DIABETIC
• ENLIGHTENED SELF-MANAGEMENT
• EMOTIONAL LIBERATION
PEGGY KAPLAN (617) 492-8444

Dr. Jonathan D. Stein Chiropractor

Treatment of: Neck and shoulder pain,
Headaches, Low back pain, Bursitis, Acute
and Chronic Musculoskeletal conditions
resulting from occupational stress and
nervous tension.

**Evening Appts. Available, 232-7200
375 Harvard St., Brookline, MA**

FENWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER



16 Haviland St., Boston, MA 02115 267-7573

Mon-Thurs. 9am-9pm Friday 9am-6pm Sat. 9am-5pm
Wed. 6:30-8pm Walk in VD Testing & Treatment

Services Include

- Specialty care including minor surgery, dermatology, infectious diseases, gynecology, podiatry (including sports medicine), nutrition, family practice, and psychiatry
- Board certified gay and lesbian physicians and nurse practitioners available

- You can now get Hepatitis-B screening and vaccine.

- Barrier free • 24 Hour Physician On Call Service
- Patients needing to be hospitalized are admitted to the Beth Israel Hospital
- Nationally recognized specialists in the diagnosis & treatment of sexually transmitted diseases

12 YEARS SERVING THE GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY

healthy teeth ...

they're a team effort

**Richard R. Bankhead, DDS
Paul O. Groipen, DDS
1259 Hyde Park Avenue
Hyde Park, MA 02136
617 364-5500
Mon.-Sat. & evenings**

GENERAL DENTISTRY

DR. JOHN C. BARNA

D.M.D.

739 BOYLSTON STREET
SUITE 400
BOSTON, MA 02116

APPOINTMENT 617-353-1500

GARY BUSECK and STEPHEN ANSOLABEHRE ATTORNEYS

landlord/lease problems
wills/probate
real estate transactions
relationship contracts

income tax
criminal & civil trials
injury claims
partnerships/corporations

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

426-9244

2 Park Square, Boston, MA 02116

WARD, RIZZO & LUND ATTORNEYS AT LAW

- Relationship Contracts
- Wills
- Domestic Relations
- Corporate Matters
- Immigration
- Civil & Criminal Litigation
- Real Estate Transactions
- Estate Planning

Two Park Square • Boston, Massachusetts 02116
617-426-2020

Volume 6, 1978-9

Continued from page 10

fessor and anti-professor, gave a historical glow to it all:

Stonewall and 1969 would long ago have been buried safely if many gay "leaders" could have their way. It would have become a conservative bulwark like July 4th which marks a revolution, but whose celebration would put down all revolution. Stonewall was a revolt against caution and respectability.

The 1979 peak season in the "man boy love" controversy fueled by Nancy Walker's rebuttal of David Thorstad's call to abolish all age of consent laws (Numbers 23 & 24). Walker decried Thorstad's throwing a respectable gay movement to the New Right wolves just when we were losing referenda right and left. It's the first in a long series of statements, mostly in the letters column, by women and men who seem to have no experience at all with the phenomenon being discussed. Ironically, on the same page as Walker's statement is a piece by a young man about the importance to him of his affairs with "older" males. (They started when he was 4 and the other "man" was 17.) Ian Johnson struck a powerful blow to both sides (Issue 29) with his blast at the lesbian and gay community at large for not taking much interest at all in their gay youth. We do subvert youth, by our very existence as open lesbians and gay men. We expose the long hidden possibility of choice. The choice of being oneself rather than spending the whole of one's life pretending. If we continue to play their "respectability" game, having nothing to do with youth, then someone else will do it for us. Beth Kelly's *Speaking Out* (Number 31) on Woman Girl Love... written from her own experience, made the discussion much richer and less a matter of philosophical speculation on male vs. female sexuality.

This leads to what was the most significant discussion of the year for us at GCN — namely, the increase in women's news and features articles and the debate about how these are related to the lesbian and gay movement. Number 35 has an excellent center spread on how support for the March 31, 1979 reproductive rights day is important for lesbians and gay men. The thrust of the message is that anti-abortion forces are just the leading edge of a move to control bodies and especially sexuality on the part of the New Right. During this period GCN began to be more committed to a longer range view of sexual politics, and some gay men were getting nervous about this new phenomenon of a gay newspaper with a substantial amount of news that wasn't about them.

S&M B&D F&S*

***Fold and Stuff
Friday Nights
GCN, 22 Bromfield Street**

The atmosphere of the moment is well illustrated by a series of articles, speaking outs, letters and an editorial all directed at a news piece by a GCN staff writer about his tour of Boston bars with a city licensing commissioner. The letters pages were already flowering/festering with objections to "too much coverage of man boy love" and "too much about abortion." Excommunication by fiat from the gay movement was the favorite bottom line for many. This particular piece cast the women at the Saints bar in Boston as a vicious, man-hating crew that practically gobbled up the poor boys on their routine inspection. Well, this time Walker spoke from experience about a highly charged collective meeting at GCN in which the piece was discussed:

As the time for the meeting drew near, the room began to fill. One of the most remarkable qualities of those who have the best interests of the paper at heart is their willingness to come when needed. Everyone was deadly serious, clearly anticipating the opening of hostilities. . . . A number of women were both angry and injured. Their sense of dedication to the paper was at war with their devotion to the cause of dignity and equality within the gay movement.

Everyone was allowed time to speak and everyone listened. . . . Some were so moved that they trembled.

GCN is nominally a collective, though I don't know what that means. I've been told that technically we aren't because we do things by majority vote. However, when the chips are down, and they couldn't have been any downer than last Tuesday, the spirit if not the letter of collectivism was adhered to. We respected each other, and when the meeting was ended we felt an incredible high. We understood what a beautiful event had just taken place. We went into the encounter not simply with the expectation of beating someone, but with the hope of explaining ourselves to each other in an attempt to continue a vital community service (GCN) without giving up our own individuality. If you think that's an easy trick, think about any organizations you've belonged to and remember how people's egos get mixed up in the inevitable conflicts. Memories of interchanges like last Tuesday's are among those still places in my heart that keep me going when life gets tough.

Thanks, Nancy. Really.

Television

PBS American Playhouse: Gay on the 5th of July

By Wade Nichols

Undoubtedly, quite a few eyes popped when two young men kissed passionately during the first few minutes of Lanford Wilson's *Fifth of July*, broadcast on PBS May 10th. We can be sure that a lot of folks were not ready to see Richard Thomas, best known for his Johnboy Walton role on commercial television, living in an openly gay relationship in small town, middle America. But the viewers were treated to one of the best portrayals of gay characters we've yet seen in dramatic television. *Fifth of July* is very interesting in the way it integrates the gay characters into a larger family setting and in having Kenneth Talley, the character played by Thomas, be the one who is most positively affected in the story. Most of the play/script is concerned with reminiscences of the past, both painful and joyous, but the final scene firmly brings the action around to the future. The future, with its potential for growth and change and symbolized by the day after Independence Day, is found to be reason enough to go on, to face up to the problems of life.

Fifth of July, adapted from the Broadway stage play created by Wilson at the Circle Rep in New York, was presented as part of the PBS *American Playhouse*, a series that has turned out some of the most interesting and varied dramatic work that has graced TV in years. Shows have ranged from the life of a black union organizer in the South to that of a young doctor hauled before a Federal Grand Jury because she lived in the same building with suspected radical fugitives, to the recent *Wings*, with its look at the experience of an elderly woman who has suffered a stroke. This is not your standard *Masterpiece Theatre* farce. *American Playhouse* is in its second season and has grown to be

one of the most progressive series ever presented by any network. This is especially interesting since it is one of the only major series on PBS that receives no corporate funding; there must be a correlation.

In *Fifth of July*, the action takes place in the sprawling Talley family home in Lebanon, Missouri. Kenneth Talley, a paraplegic Vietnam veteran who is humorous and quick with one-line jokes, is hosting friends and family during the 4th of July weekend. The family members are the last of the Talley line, his sister, with her out-of-wedlock daughter who wants to become one of the greatest artists of all time, and their Aunt Helen, who earlier caused a scandal in this Protestant family by marrying a Jewish accountant and moving away from the family home. The friends are a couple who still see themselves as self-styled radical firebrands at Berkeley. Beneath the craziness of this strangely leftist collection in small town America, there are a lot of feelings of anger, tension and guilt or betrayal. The first half of the play seemed a bit choppy with a lot of perfect one-liners, but it became clear that those witty lines were how people talked because they were nervous and didn't want to show their true feelings.

During both the fun and the screaming, Ken's lover Jed (Jeff Daniels) was quietly passing through the background, waiting for the intruding guests to leave. Jed is the one who really loves the place, for he is an avid gardener, and it is interesting to see how some members of the family seem to like him most. This is a cliché, almost, that has seldom been shown. Ken threatens to sell the home, not so much to punish Jed for fitting in so well, but as a last ditch effort to run away from his

own responsibilities and fears.

About mid-way through the show we begin to see the lost dreams of the great social experiments of the '60's. The hurt begins to seep around the fond remembrances of things past. Ken is running from facing the future with his physical handicap, seeming to fear that being physically crippled is equated with being emotionally crippled. His smoke-screen of quips about his condition is useless when he visits the school where he is to teach. When the students wouldn't look at him, he was forced to see himself without any blinders—he was scared by what he was and wanted to leave it.

In the final scene Ken learns that smooth, healthy and physically attractive folks can also be emotionally crippled. While emotions are racing about uncontrolled, Ken remembers that he has to tutor a local boy who has a speech problem. Johnny Young, the boy, has told Ken a science fiction story that he made up about a people who explored space but found no life out there. "They looked around and realized that finally, they were alone. And they were happy because they knew it was now up to them to become all the things they had hoped to find." In this moment of realization Ken sees that he does have something to offer, especially since he has someone, a loved one, who is more than willing to help out.

Fifth of July is ultimately romantic comedy where the romance rises above the simple concern for a bed partner. Here the quest is for being spiritually whole through the union of the parts. Ken sees how to link together his past concern for positive change with this present body. Having no legs certainly changes things, but it doesn't have to spell the end of caring and working to achieve



final goals. Not so unusual, as dramas go, but the interesting thing here is that this important lesson is taught by a homosexual on national television.

Fifth of July is not the only representation of gay characters in the *American Playhouse* series. In February there was *Family Business*, with Milton Berle playing the father of a wealthy family living in Beverly on the North Shore. The youngest of the four sons in this family was eighteen years old and gay. There still haven't been any lesbians in the series, but maybe later in this season or next year. Let's find good lesbian characters or scripts and start lobbying.

Commercial television had its Year of the Gay during the '70's when American got its first RV glimpse of the love that dare not speak its name. Usually straight America was shocked by the gay characters, while we were incensed by the shallow and stereotypical presentations. Commercial TV has continued to break through some

of the easy barriers, presenting us with fairly sympathetic portrayals of upper class, white gay men in *Dynasty* and *Love Sidney*. These characters, however, are but a pale shadow of what it's all about.

It is quite plausible to say that we are witnessing PBS's own Year of the Gay in 1983. Yes, we've had gay and lesbian programs before, but this year does seem to be slightly different. We've seen two dramatic shows with three positive gay characters in *American Playhouse*. We still see (in Boston) a show about gay blacks when *Tony Brown's Journal* airs on the local PBS affiliate, WGBH, on June 18. My god, we've even seen lesbian and gay teens (*Growing Up Gay* is to be rebroadcast on the 18th as well). Public television is not doing something totally new, but is doing its work in a new way—presenting accurate portrayals of our lives. Now, if PBS can just outgrow the obsession with BBC dramas. . . .



Recent Paintings, by Ellen Grabner. Acrylic paintings on paper. Showing at Studio Epona, 238-244 Columbia Street, Cambridge, through June 5. Open Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., or by appointment. 492-7522 or 492-0091. (Pictured above: Lilith, 44x30, Acrylic on paper.)

Bulletin Bd.

Continued from page 3

The LAMBDA RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE BLIND, which records books about gay and lesbian lifestyles and literature for interested blind readers throughout the U.S. is seeking information about current and forthcoming books they might want to record. They also produce LRC *Quarterly* (on cassettes) about new books of interest to blind gay people. Send suggested titles or subscription requests to: LRC for the Blind, 3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, IL 60657, (312) 274-0510 (evenings).

The eighth INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF GAY AND LESBIAN JEWS will be held in Miami, Florida, August 4 through 7. For registration information contact: Conference Committee, 19094 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33180.

ENDING THE SILENCE: A CONFERENCE EXPLORING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN will take place in Edmonton, Canada, May 27-29. The Alberta Society of Women Against Violence, 9926-112th St., Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 1L7, Canada, (403) 488-8863, has more information.

A conference on GAY MEN AND LESBIANS IN THE '80s will be presented in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 15-16. To register, write: The Lincoln Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, P.O. Box 94882, Lincoln, NE 68509.

The MARYLAND COALITION FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CONCERNS will host its first statewide conference, Sept. 23-25, in Baltimore. For more info write Joe Stewart, 403 E. 31st St., Baltimore, MD.

Allan Berube of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay history Project will present his slide documentary, "Marching to a Different Drummer — Lesbian and Gay Americans During WWII," at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main st., Northampton, MA., Thurs., June 2 at 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the PIONEER VALLEY PEOPLE'S GAY ALLIANCE. A \$2 donation is requested. For more info call (413) 584-7903.

The Chiltern Mountain Club is sponsoring a Hike For Life to be held June 25 in the Blue Hills in Milton, MA. The hike will benefit the AIDS ACTION COMMITTEE OF BOSTON. Registration can be made in person during the Lesbian and Gay Pride Rally on the Boston Common, June 18, or by writing: Chiltern/AIDS, Box 104, 104 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114. For more information call John Tobin at (617) 864-0823.

a Benefit for

the aids action committee
and the fenway comm health ctr



'La cage aux folles'



at the colonial theater

wednesday, june 15 8:00 pm



gene BARRY



george HEARN

MUSIC BY JERRY HERMAN

BOOK BY HARVEY FIERSTEIN

DIRECTED BY ARTHUR LAURENTS

orch \$35 _____ reservations to:
front mezz \$35 _____
rear mezz \$30 _____
balcony \$25 _____

Fenway
Community
Health
Center

16
Haviland Street
Boston
Massachusetts 02115

Telephone:
(617) 267-7573

PLEASE SEND ME:

PRICES: ORCHESTRA: \$35.00
FRONT MEZZANINE: \$35.00
REAR MEZZANINE: \$30.00
BALCONY: \$25.00

I ENCLOSE CHECK/MONEY ORDER
PAYABLE TO: THE FENWAY
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
\$.....ENCLOSED

.....SEATS @

\$.....EACH

() ORCH. () FRONT MEZZ. () REAR MEZZ. () BALCONY

MAIL TO: BENEFIT COMMITTEE AT

NAME.....

Fenway
Community
Health
Center

16
Haviland Street
Boston
Massachusetts 02115

ADDRESS.....

CITY.....STATE.....ZIP.....

Telephone:
(617) 267-7573

PHONE (9-5).....

HURRA-HURRA
DRESSING LIKE THERE'S
NO TOMORROW
9th MASS AVE CAMBRIDGE
VINTAGE AND CONTEMPORARY PUNK
MON - SAT 11-6
192-9087

WATERSHIP INN



Relaxed atmosphere
Central location
Complimentary continental breakfast

OFF SEASON SPECIAL

Stay 3 nights, get the third night free
or stay a week, get 50% off.

7 Winthrop St.
P.O. Box 918
Provincetown, Mass. 02657
(617) 487-0094

Innkeeper: Jim Foss



Feminist Gifts & Handcrafts By and For Women

Jewelry Books Records & much
Clothing & more

WOMENCRAFTS

373 Commercial St. Box 190 Provincetown, Ma. 02657 (617) 487-9854

The Berwick



A TRADITIONAL GUEST HOUSE
2 BERWICK ROAD
OGUNQUIT, MAINE 03907

YOUR HOSTS:
DON CARPENTER AND
FRANK TRAFTON

207/646-4062

OPEN YEAR 'ROUND



A year-round GALLERY

Leaded crystal figurines
Crystal balls — pyramids — prisms
pewter
Brazilian Agate Slabs
Gold
Picture Jasper
Silver
Quartz Healing Crystal
Sand castles
Crafts

389 Commercial St.
487-0511

A unique and friendly place to visit

10% off with ad on cash purchase till June 25th

SHORE HOUSE

15 1/2 Shore Road
Ogunquit, Maine 03907
207 646 8654

Jim Prince

Guest Rooms and Efficiencies

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS TENTH BIRTHDAY POSTERS AND T-SHIRTS!

Tickets to Party — \$5.00
June 17, 1983
FRIDAY NIGHT POT LUCK
Bring a dish!

name _____

street _____

city/state/zip _____

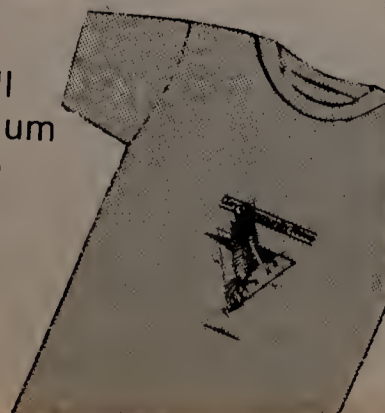
100% Cotton SILVER T-SHIRT...\$7.50

- ☐ small
☐ medium
☐ large

Birthday Poster...\$5.00

Mail with payment to:

167 Tremont St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111



Classifieds

THE JIM CLARK MOVING CO.
Serving the Gay Community
with professionalism and respect.
Very careful furniture movers.
Piano and hoisting specialist.
Any time of day — any day of year.
No overtime charges 354-2184
MDPU Number 23733

JOBS WANTED

1983 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE
BA in Communication — U of Michi-
gan. Career-oriented individual sks
employment on East Coast. Intelligent,
diligent, reliable. GCN Box 666. (44)

Organized, fun and creative gay man
looks for part-time work for gay-run
business so that I may eat & pay rent
while I pursue a musical education. 26
yrs old, educated, dedicated to people
whom I like. GCN Box 664. (45)

REAL ESTATE

JAMAICA PLAIN
Charming single on quiet street behind
Centre St. Fireplace. 35K.
Single fam w/in-law apt. Victorian
charm 38K
2 fam, 58K. Victorian. Owner's apt on 2
firs, freshly redecorated.
3 fam, 5.5.5. Interesting features. 65K.
Low int rates, low \$\$\$ down. Come in
for free counseling.
Jamaica Plain Real Estate. 524-5464

APARTMENTS WANTED

GCN staffer is lkn for 3 bdrm apt nr
Hvd Sq. Must be rent control or super
cheap. I gotta leave home. 426-4469,
Hershey. (c)

APARTMENTS

**ALL APARTMENT ADS, even if you rent
space in your own home, are business
ads and must be paid for at the
business rate (see form).**

LOVELY 2 BEDROOM
Jam Pl nr Pond & T; 4 rm apt in priv
home owned by prof gay man; shared
entrance; avail 6/1. \$560 inc all utils,
pkg. 522-9809. (44)
Camb nr Cent Sq 1st fl spac 1 bdrm
(4rm) avail 7/1. L owner-occ. \$360/mo,
ht, frig, w/d inc. M or F 30+ pref. Pet
negot. 547-8763 eves & wknds. (45)
Dorchester: 5 rm apt. Spacious & clean
in owner-occ triple. 1 mo sec. Utils &
heat sep. Cable TV lines. References
req 282-4371, 491-4110. (45)

DORCHESTER APT FOR RENT
Avail 7/1 on Red Line Shawmut Sta 1
bdrm in-law apt Victorian home recent-
ly renovated heat hot water washer-
dryer inc. \$225/mo, good refs. 265-0348,
6-10 PM. (46)

So End Worc Sq beaut sunny 2 rm apt
share bath. All util inc. \$265/mo.
262-8842 eves. (45)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PHD CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
Director of clinical services for Lesbian
and Gay Community Services, the na-
tion's oldest & largest gay/lesbian iden-
tified professional CMHC. Begins
January 1984 or sooner at \$25-30,000.
Supervision, clinical administration,
direct service, some evening &
weekend hrs. Affirmative Action hiring
program in place. Vita & detailed cover
letter to Exec Director, 124 W. Lake,
Mpls, MN 55408. No telephone in-
quiries, please. Minnesota license re-
quired. (46)

CARPET CLEANING
Looking for neat appearing hard-
working individual for part or full time
pos. Good wages flexible hours. MA
driver's license req. 861-6699. (35)

SERVICES

THERAPY GROUP FOR LESBIANS
Gay & Lesbian Counseling Services is
now forming a support group for les-
bians in close relationships with incest
survivors (lovers, friends, family mem-
bers). For info & appt call GLCS, (617)
542-5188. Sliding fee scale, insurance
accepted. (c)

THERAPY GROUPS FOR GAY MEN
Gay & Lesbian Counseling Services is
now forming general issues & coming
out therapy groups for gay men. For in-
fo & appt call GLCS, (617) 542-5188.
Sliding fee scale, insurance accepted. (c)

**MASS. BAY
COUNSELING ASSOCIATES
COPLEY SQUARE
INDIVIDUALS, COUPLES
AND GROUP COUNSELING
ALCOHOL COUNSELING
HYPNOTHERAPY
SEX THERAPY
INSURANCE ACCEPTED
(617)353-0225 for appt.**

HOUSECLEANING
Energetic reliable efficient house-
cleaner, with references. Please call
423-1752 for Boston-Cambridge area. (45)

PSYCHOTHERAPY
Individuals and Couples
Sliding Fee Scale
Insurance Accepted
Charles Hannagan, MA 262-4194

Counseling for Individuals,
Couples and Groups
Career Assessment
BELLVILLE ASSOCIATES
Copley Square
(617) 739-7803

HOUSECLEANING BOSTON AREA
Home, Condos, Apt, Office
Have References
Call James 782-7615. (15)

CHILDCARE
Quality childcare in my home on Bea-
con Hill. Days & some eves avail. Barb,
523-3772. You'll be glad you called, and
so will your very special child.

**J. A.
General Contractor**
Specializing in
Renabs - Remodeling
All types of Carpentry Roofing and
Painting
Large - Small
One call does it
246-0680
Free Estimates Licensed & Insured
31-3

INDIVIDUAL/COUPLE THERAPY
Clinical Psychologist PhD. Mass Lic
Insurance Accepted
(617) 269-8382. (44)

UNCENSORED FILM DEVELOPING
Are you tired of being told: *Our lab
won't do that* type of processing? Fed
up with those smirks, grins and gig-
gles? We deliver hassle-free developing
for all types of film. Fast reliable ser-
vice for real people by real people. Send
SASE for info: Copacetic Studios PO
Box 405, Fayville, MA 01745. (44)

Custom Furniture
Designed and Built
Joan Friedman
(617) 783-2298 Weekends (11/1)

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP
Has openings. Focus is on self-
awareness, intimacy, & relationships.
For info call Francis Giambrone
451-1398 / 661-4070.

ORGANIZATIONS

2150 MACRO GROUP
Share & evolve your own philosophy
while meeting people with similar in-
terests. Meetings in home, Waltham.
647-1193 leave message on box. (44)

GAY LESBIAN AND JEWISH?
Am Tikva welcomes you. Activities in-
clude religious observances, discus-
sions, potluck dinners, folk dancing,
etc. For events, check GCN Calendar.
call (617) 782-8894 or write PO Box 11,
Camb. MA 02238.

D.O.B.
Suppt orgnzn for lesbians, 1151 Mass
Av, Camb, Old Bap. Raps evry Tues,
Thurs 8 pm; 35 pls rap 2nd Wed, last Fri.
8 pm & 3rd Sat. 7 pm; Parents & Co-
parents rap 1st & 3rd Mons, 8 pm. Soft-
ball evry Sun 3 pm Apr-Sept, weath
permitting. Magazine Fld. Bimonthly mag
FOCUS \$8. Mnthly social & fundraising
event. Info & office hrs 661-3633. All
women invited to participate.

BOSTON LESBIAN/GAY CATHOLICS
Dignity/Boston sponsors a liturgy for
Lesbian/Gay and concerned Catholics
every Sunday at Arlington Street
Church (Boston), right side entrance on
Arlington St., at 5:30 pm. For info call
Dignity/Boston MF 7-10 pm, Sun 2-5 pm,
536-6518. DIGNITY/BOSTON, 355
Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116. (c)

GCN SPECIALS

If you have any paper weights hanging
around the old homestead and would
like to give them to us, we could use
them to keep our papers from flying
around when we open the windows to
breathe. Please. Mike 426-4469.

HELP US WITH OUR DRAWERS
We need 3x5 card files. Mike says he'd
like the kind with 3 drawers across. I
don't know how many down. You have
to ask Mike about that. If you have any
such items, please call him at 426-4469.
This is not a sex ad ...

HELP WANTED: GCN's advertising
dept is looking for sales representa-
tives. Flexible hours. Commission on
all sales. Ideal for students, person
looking for supplemental income. Con-
tact Hershey at 426-4469. BUT WAIT!
THERE'S MORE ...

ONE ARTIST IN WOOD
Needed for carpentry work here at our
office. Could you lend us your clever
hands to help convert two ordinary
tables into light (layout) tables??? If
you are a carpenter willing to do some
work for our worthy cause, please call
Michael at 426-4469. Thank you.

If you have paperback (especially gay)
books that you've read and don't want,
the Prisoner Project would like them to
send out to prisoners: Fiction or non-
fiction, gay or straight; many of our
prisoner readers are in for "crimes of
love" (outdoor sex, man/boy sex, etc.),
and books on these subjects are much
sought. Please call Mike at 426-4469

DEAR TYPISTS.

The election's coming up & you know
what that means: the words are flying!
GCN needs volunteer typists to help
transcribe taped interviews with The
Candidates. Here's your chance to hear
those campaign promises firsthand.
Call Larry at 426-4469.

AND IF YOU CAN'T TYPE

You can still help GCN (and the typists)
by sending us your old unwanted (or
new) transcription machine. We need a
dictaphone-type machine, with a foot
pedal, that takes standard tape casset-
tes. Call Larry at 426-4469. Thanks.

THE TROUBLE WITH OUR VACUUM IS
It sucks! But not the right kind of stuff.
We need another type (cannister or
shop vacuum) that can be used on the
kind of naked, unadorned floors we ac-
tually have. What we don't need is
something that blows only carpets, you
dig? If you can help us out, let Mike
know (all together now!) 426-4469.
Thank you.

PAINT THE TOWN LAVENDER

Well, not really lavender, but close. We
need paint rollers & pans, paint brushes
(used or not) and eggshell/latex paint.
Please call Mike for info on possible
colors ... chartreuse anyone???
426-4469 and thank you.

MORE ON THE PAINT

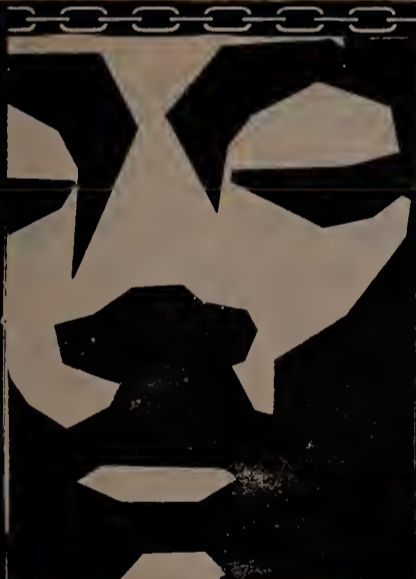
GCN's typesetter doesn't like char-
treuse, doesn't even know what color it
is!! Wants some soothing-color paint
to calm the nerves!!!!

PUBLICATIONS

Special issue of **CHANGES** on Femin-
ism published jointly by Solidarity: A
Socialist Feminist Network and the in-
ternational Socialists. Includes article
by Nancy Wechsler on the lesbian/gay
movement, Wally Silanpoa on personal
politics as well as articles on women's
liberation, reproductive rights, women
and the disarmament movement, and
more. Available for \$2.50 (includes
postage) from SOLIDARITY, 725 O'Far-
rell #35, SF, CA 94109 or from Nancy
Wechsler, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont St.,
Boston, MA 02111.

GLOBAL LESBIAN ISSUE #3
reprint describes the lives of lesbians
internationally. *Connexions*
Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609.
\$4.00. (45)

FOCUS: A JOURNAL FOR LESBIANS
Now soliciting manuscripts for 2
special issues. 1 on being over 40
(deadline June 7, 1983); the other on
pets: what they mean to us, pets we've
had etc. (deadline Aug 30). Send sub-
missions to: *Focus*, 1151 Mass Ave,
Camb, MA 02138. Subs (\$8.00/yr)
always welcome too.



**TO ALL THOSE WHO IN AND OUT OF
PRISON FIGHT AGAINST THEIR BONDAGE**
(Alexander Berkman, *Prison Memoirs of an
Anarchist*).



I'm 25, Native American and a dyke. I'm
looking for friends who are interested
in helping to change the prison system
from warehouses to places of learning
and growing. I am also an artist and
play the guitar. Catherine
CASTANEDA, 43375, ACTC-P-Santa
Maria, Box 3400, Goodyear AZ 85338.

This prison is very anti-gay and I catch
a lot of hell. Some of the staff look at
me like I'm an animal, but I'm just a ted-
dy bear really (smile). So if you have
some spare time write a lovable, lonely
butch. Zola BENNETT, 1479 Collins
Ave, Marysville OH 43040.

Being black, female, gay, and a convict
is a bit much for prejudiced minds to
handle, but it should not be a handicap
for those sharing some of those
qualities. I'm looking for sensitive, in-
telligent, strong-minded women to
correspond with. I am a six foot Leo
woman into writing and spiritual ex-
ploration. Send some sweet stories and
intellectual conversation and you'll
receive the same. Renee HOLMES,
13415, 1479 Collins Ave., Marysville,
OH 43040.

GCN GAY AND LESBIAN PRISONER PROJECT

We send free papers, books (when they
are donated and when money for
postage is donated) and run free penpal
ads. (There's sometimes a long waiting
list because of limited space.) Little by
little as we get more volunteer labor
power we'll be looking for other ways to
support lesbians and gay men behind
bars. If you can help with your time or a
contribution (of money or paperbacks),
please send to Gay and Lesbian
Prisoner Project, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont
St., 5th Fl., Boston, MA 02111. Thanks!

I'm enclosing a clipping from the Sun-
day Oklahoman so you can see what
vehemence a picture of two gay men
with their arms around each other can
bring out in these Oklahomans! The
same picture on the sports page label-
ed as a coach and his player wouldn't
have caused a ripple! What a business!
Please put me on your penpal page.
Thanks. Willie MAGGARD, 00029-131,
Box 1000, Marion IL 62959.

Hello! I'd like to meet someone who'd
like to write and establish a warm and
lasting friendship, and if your project
has some books my interests are
poetry, politics and race relations.
Nehemiah FRANKS, C 12194, PO Box
B, 5N75, Tamal CA 94964.

I am interested in corresponding with
other gays, preferable those who have
been locked up at one time. William
WIRSEN, SDCC 17222, Box 208, Indian
Springs NV 89070.

You wouldn't go wrong in writing to me
because you would find out just how
many things that I am into along with
sex. Send photo if you can. James
DYER, A-072652, (632), Box 1500, Cross
City FL 32628.

Love to hear from anyone. Interested in
art, music, literature and anything that
is fun. John TUCKER, 258980, Rt 1 Box
150 Coffield, Tenn. Colony TX 75861.

My interests are many but I'm at a
stand still with no one to share them.
If you would care to correspond opening
avenues to friendship and much more
your letters would be appreciated. Joe
Edward BROWN, 161-063, Box 45699,
Lucasville OH 45699.



A good friend of mine showed me your
newspaper and for the first time I was
overjoyed as I have been bi or gay all of
my life and I didn't know where to turn
for support and answers. I'm new to
this publically (privately is a different
story!) I like feminine characteristics.
Macho types need not apply. Thanks!
Jerry BENDEL, 660339 SOC, PO Box
514, Monroe WA 98272.

I'm Spanish, but I also speak Greek,
Italian and some English. I would like
so much to write to someone. Thank
you. Benjamin RAMOS, 92800, Oak 3,
Angola LA 70712.



I would like to have a subscription to
your paper and also put my ad in the
penpal space so I might make some
friends out of it. I consider myself good
looking and am Italian and a little bit
Polish. I am very excited waiting to hear
from you. I didn't know there was
anybody like you out there. Thank you!
Jim DiRocco, PO Box 100, Jean NV
89026.

Prisoners Seeking Friends

Readers (inside and out): Almost all ads
are taken from much longer letters
which we cannot print in full in the free
space GCN has provided. Even so,
there's usually a waiting list of 3 to 6
weeks and ads usually only run once or
twice (unless we can't get new ones
done because of other work).

I like fine arts, big dogs, outdoors, and
nice people, rock and roll and poems.
Would like to meet and write anyone
that's nice. Frank ESTEP, 32598, Box
128, Eddyville KY 42038.

Bisexual needs correspondence with
anyone who cares. I am into religious
study, leather work, mathematics, sex,
outdoors and people. Will answer all
serious writers. Daniel FROELICH,
A017476, Box 7, Deer Lodge MT 59722.

I'm one of the unfortunate ones that's
been exiled from the minds of society.
I'm seeking some seasonal person that
I can relate to whether it be on a per-
sonal or friendly basis to help fill this
emptiness in my life. William PRICE,
167-492, Box 57, Marion OH 43302.

Very quiet and sensitive guy looking for so-
meone to share some of his thoughts and
feelings with. Floyd ROBINSON, 33392, Box 2,
Lansing KS 66043.

Seeking someone who doesn't always
let their emotions overrule their in-
tellect. I feel a relationship should con-
sist of knowledge and understanding
as well as emotions. Please write
Robert JACKSON, 15104, Box 351,
Waupun WI 53963.

On death row at 24. I'll write to anyone
who'll write to me. Frankie GUINAN,
Box 900, CP-18, Jefferson City MO
65102.



Calendar

weekly events

sunday

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) drop-in center for youth 22 and under from 2-4pm and steering committee meeting from 4-5pm at Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill) Info: 497-8282. Please send all BAGLY mail to GCN Box 10GY.

Cambridge, MA — Black and White Men Together of Boston meets at Paradise, 180 Mass. Ave. Second Sunday of each month. Info: Tom 536-3392 or Dick 247-3043.

Boston, MA — Lesbian Only SM Support Group. Potlucks and informal discussions one Sunday per month. Info: 776-7957. Open to lesbians supportive of or into SM.

Cambridge, MA — Overeaters Anonymous, lesbian meeting. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. Sun eves 7:30 pm, DOB office.

Framingham, MA — Tricounty Assoc. (Framingham, Milford, Franklin area). Social and support group for gay and lesbian community. meets Suns. Info: 376-4323 or 473-3529.

Boston, MA — "Musically speaking," women's music, ideas, announcements. WMBR, 88.1 FM. 1-3pm.

Boston, MA — Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England. Second Sundays. 2pm. Info: (617) 482-6874 or 247-5485.

Boston, MA — Merrymount Music Society. Informal meetings and concerts for gay and lesbian musicians and music lovers. Info: 266-9423.

West of Boston, MA — West of Boston Lesbians. Social events on Sunday afternoons twice a month. New members welcome. Info: 486-8848. or Dorothy 875-1108.

Boston, MA — Boston's Other Voice. (WROR, FM 98.5) 11:30pm.

Concord, NH — Concord Area Gay Youth support group for youth 16-22. Rap session and social time. Info: Ron 225-5622.

Keene, NH — Potlucks and other fun get-togethers for lesbians. First Suns (2pm) and third Tues or Wed (6pm) Info: Keene Klon-dykes, Box 261. Gilsum NH 03448

Central VT — Central Vermont Gay Men (CVGM) meets first Sun. of the month for socializing, business and a meal. Info: Box 42, Barre. 05641.

Orleans, MA — Shoreline, a social group alternative to the bars on Cape Cod. meets second Sundays. Info: Box 1614, Orleans MA 02653

Acton, MA — Central Middlesex Social Club meets at 7:30pm. Info: 263-4882. All are invited.

coming events



Boston, MA — GCN TENTH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY PARTY! You're invited to celebrate our tenth birthday at a giant potluck on June 17, the night before the Pride Parade. Dancing, music, slide show of GCN history, photo exhibit and more. YWCA Auditorium, 140 Clarendon St. (Copley Sq.) Tickets available at Glad Day Books, New Words Books and by mail from GCN. Send \$5 check and SASE to GCN Birthday, 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111. Limited seating. Get your ticket now!



Boston, MA — The Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee will meet every Thurs. eve at 7pm until June 18 (Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration/March) to organize entertainment, fundraising, publicity, etc. for the events. Everyone welcome. Boston Evening Clinic, 314 Comm. Ave. (near Aud. T stop). Info: 262-4777.

New London, CT — Gay and Lesbian Community at Connecticut College meets 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Info: 442-7458.

Northern VT/NH — League of Gays (LOGS) meets third Suns. Info: (802) 626-3618 or write: Box 703, St. Johnsbury VT 05819.

monday

Boston, MA — Free lunchtime (12-1) drop-in support group for men concerned about AIDS. Gay and Lesbian Counseling Services, 80 Boylston St. Rm 855. Corner of Boylston and Tremont Sts. Info: 542-5188.

Waltham, MA — Triskelion, the Brandeis Gay/Lesbian Coalition. General discussion group at 9pm. Usdan Student Ctr. Conf. Rm. C. Info: 647-4353, or Box 2792, Brandeis U., Waltham, 02254.

Nashua, NH — Nashua Area Gays meet 8pm. Info: Tony 424-3252, or write: Nashua Area Gays, Box 3472, Nashua 03061.

Portsmouth, NH — Seacoast Gay Men. 7pm. Info: P.O. Box 1394, Portsmouth 03801.

tuesday

Cambridge, MA — Boston chapter, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1st Tue of the month in conference room 1A Sherrill Hall Library, Episcopal Divinity School 99 Brattle. Info: 436-5393 or P.O. Box 125-S101, Arlington, MA 02174.

Boston, MA — Urania: lesbian and bisexual women's SM support group. Safe, non-competitive space for women of all levels of experience to share political and personal aspects of our sexuality. 131 Cambridge St. 7:30pm. Info: Hathor 623-7258.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion and social group Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. (Harv. Sq.) 8pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 661-3633

Pittsfield, MA — Berkshire County Gay Coalition meets 2nd and 4th Tues. Info: (413) 442-7772.

Hartford, CT — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Task Force meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm (First Tues). Info: 249-7691.

Manchester, NH — Manchester Men's Group, weekly support group for gay and bisexual men, meet Tuesdays at 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. Info: Jack 669-0096.

New London, CT — New London Gay Men's Forum, support group for gay and bisexual men. Info: 447-0155 (Noon to 7pm).

Portland, ME — Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at First Parish, Unitarian. 425 Congress St. 8 pm. Open to all.

wednesday

Boston, MA — Fathers in Transition, a group of gay/bi fathers meeting Weds. for friendship and support. Info: Exodus Ctr. 266-0612, or write: Fathers in Transition, c/o GCN Box 6, 167 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111.

may 21 sat

Cambridge, MA — Mobilization for Survival is sponsoring a major day of petitioning to complete a ballot access drive to make Cambridge a nuclear free city, to ban nuclear weapon research and development in the city. Come to the Mobe office, 727 Mass Ave. at 9am or at noon to team up with others to gather signatures. Info: 354-0008.

may 22 sun

Belmont, MA — Join Amethyst Women for softball at 12 noon at Beaver Brook Rd. (Rain date June 5). Amethyst Women sponsor events for lesbian alcoholics and their women friends. All women who enjoy an alcohol and drug free space are encouraged to attend.

24 tues

Salem, MA — Cindy Rizzo and David Lund will discuss "Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues" sponsored by the North Shore Lesbian and Gay Alliance. 7:30pm. Grace Church, 385 Essex St.

25 wed

Boston, MA — Boston Gay and Lesbian Political Alliance and Mass Gay Political Caucus are cosponsoring a mayoral candidates night at UMass Boston. Park Sq., 100 Arlington St. Rm 222. 7:30pm.

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). New persons' meeting 6:30pm; general meeting and group discussion 7-9pm. For youth 22 and under. Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill) Info: 497-8282.

Boston, MA — Boston Gay Men's Chorus meets every Wed. from 7-10pm at the YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. (Copley Sq.) Info: 522-6983

Boston, MA — Walk-in VD screening and treatment for and by gay men. 6:30-8pm. Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Haviland St. (near Auditorium stop). 267-7573.

Boston, MA — Lunchtime for lesbians. Isolated during the weekday downtown? Interested in a lunchtime hangout/discussion group? Come to 80 Boylston St. Rm 855 (corner Boylston and Tremont). Noon. Info: 542-5188.

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA) meeting. 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Help make the media more responsive to our needs. Info: 542-5679.

Bridgewater, MA — South Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance meets Weds. Info: 584-4997.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian "coming out" group, new weekly open rap group, is now meeting at Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. (Central Sq.) 8-10pm. Info: 354-8807

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. 35+ women's discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. 8pm. Second Wed. and last Fri. of each month.

Hyannis, MA — Lesbian Support Group meets first Wed of every month. 7:30pm. New members welcome. Orientation, social meetings. Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St. Info: 771-6739.

Nashua, NH — Greater Nashua Area of NH Lambda sponsors speakers and/or raps on, the 2nd Wed. and 4th Thurs. 7:30pm. Business' meets on 1st Sat. Info: (603) 889-1416.

Hartford, CT — Lesbian AA meeting. Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 8pm. Info: 247-8797.

Hampden County, MA — Social/Support Group for Lesbians. 8pm. Info: Debbie 532-5878 or Julie 532-4959.

Cambridge, MA — Narcotics Anonymous Gay Meeting. 7 Temple St. (Central Sq.) 8:30-10pm. A twelve step recovery program for those whose "drug of choice" was other than alcohol.

Cambridge, MA — Boston National Organization for Women (NOW) Lesbian Rights Task Force meets 4th Wed. of month at 99 Bishop Allen Dr. (Central Sq.) Plan lobbying, public educ. and consciousness raising. Info: 661-6015.

thursday

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation, an open discussion group. 8-10pm. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. Info: 354-8807.

Somerville, MA — TVTS Peer Support Group. Gender Clinic. Info: Martha 666-8280.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Boston, MA — Fundraiser for "Choosing Children", a film in progress by local filmmakers dealing with lesbians who decide to have children after they have come out. Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. 8:30pm. Entertainment by the Girillas, a musical/political satire women's group, and others. \$2. Info: 776-6759.

26 thurs

Boston, MA — GCN proofreading. No experience needed. We'll teach you all you need to know. Read next week's news this week. Call 426-4469 for info. Thanks.

Boston, MA — Triangle Theater Company presents "A night out with the boys", a dramatization of gay male poetry, at the Clarendon St. YWCA Studio Theater 8pm. Info: 482-0897.

27 fri

Boston, MA — GCN VOLUNTEER NIGHT!! Come help send out the paper to our subscribers. Refreshments and good times! Come anytime after 6 to our space at 167 Tremont (near the Boylston T stop). There's an intercom at the door if it's not open. Come and get a free paper and meet some nice people! Info: 426-4469.

Northampton, MA — Pioneer Valley People's Gay Alliance meets on first and third Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 584-7903 or write P.O. Box 181, Northampton, MA 01061.

Hartford, CT — Gay Al-Anon meeting for lesbians and gay men at Trinity Church Parish House, Farmington Ave. 7:30pm. Info: 247-8797.

friday

BOSTON, MA — GAY COMMUNITY NEWS (THAT'S US!) ALWAYS NEEDS HELP SENDING OUT THE PAPER ON FRIDAY EVES. COME BY FOR A FEW HOURS TO OUR NEW SPACE AT 167 TREMONT (ON THE COMMON, NEAR BOYLSTON T STOP) ANYTIME AFTER 6 AND LEND A HAND. REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD TIMES! EVERY BODY WELL COME! INFO: 426-4469, THANKS!

Cambridge, MA — Amazon Lesbian Al-Anon. Mt. Auburn Hosp. Living Rm, Clark Bldg. 8-9:30pm. Newcomers meeting from 7-8pm on the first Friday.

Danbury, CT — The Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Greater Danbury meets on Fridays from 7:30 to 10pm in the Green Room of the First Congregational Church, corner of Deer Hill Ave. and West St.

Hartford, CT — Your Turf, a weekly drop-in center for lesbian and gay teenagers. 7-9pm at the Hill Center, 350 Farmington Ave. (upstairs). Sponsored by the Coalition of Sexual Minorities.

Pittsfield, MA — Weekly meetings of Lesbians United. Info: Women's Services center, 499-2425

Concord, NH — Concord Men's Group meets Fridays at 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. Info: Herb 485-5612.

Providence, RI — Rhode Island Gay and Lesbian Youth meets every Sat. from 1-5pm for youth 14-21 years of age. Info: MCC 272-9247 or Gay Helo Line 751-3322 (eves).

saturday

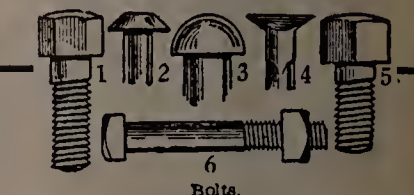
Providence, RI — Rhode Island Gay and Lesbian Youth meets every Sat. from 1-5pm for youth 14-21 years of age. Info: MCC 272-9247 or Gay Helo Line 751-3322 (eves).

Boston, MA — Support group for transsexuals and all who may be questioning their gender. 7-11pm on the third Sat. of each month. Info: (617) 568-0680.



Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Regularly scheduled sports and outdoors events. General info: John 275-1336; Linda 734-4066; John 864-0823. Volleyball: Jay 262-4896; Basketball: Kieran 232-7229

Boston, MA — Front Runners/Boston, gay men and lesbian running club. Info: 39 Milford, Boston 02118 or 451-6364.



Bolts.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Folkdancing meets at Phillips Brooks House in Harvard Yard from 7-9:30pm. Beginners are especially welcome. Info: 661-7223.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt Club. Martha's Vineyard bicycling and camping. Info: Jay 262-4896.

Boston, MA — "A night out with the boys" See 26 thurs above.

28 sat

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt Club. East Machias River wilderness canoeing. Info: Linda 734-4066 (h) or Jan 522-6226.

Boston, MA — "A night out with the boys". See 26 thurs above.

29 sun

Cambridge, MA — Kay Gardner will be at Shambhala Book Seller for an informal discussion of music and healing. 7pm. 58 John F. Kennedy (Boylston) St. Free.

The deadline for Calendar items is Monday at noon for the following issue.....